

**RESOLUTION NO.596**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF RIDGEFIELD, WASHINGTON PROVIDING FOR A BALLOT PROPOSITION TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF RIDGEFIELD AT THE NEXT GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 2, 2021, TO AUTHORIZE A SALES AND USE TAX TO BE IMPOSED WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY UPON ALL TAXABLE RETAIL SALES AND USES IN THE AMOUNT OF TWO-TENTHS OF ONE PERCENT (0.2%) FOR THE PURPOSE OF FINANCING ALL OR A PORTION OF THE COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENTS IN THE CITY IDENTIFIED HEREIN FOR A PERIOD OF TEN YEARS.**

**WHEREAS**, Chapter 36.73 RCW enables cities and counties to create transportation benefit districts to finance and carry out transportation improvements necessitated by economic development and to improve the performance of transportation systems; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Ridgefield City Council adopted Ordinance No. 998 on June 26, 2008 establishing the Ridgefield Transportation District ("District") and thereafter amended the boundaries and functions of the District by Ordinance No. 1281 on December 6, 2018 making the boundaries of the District coterminous with the Ridgefield City limits; and

**WHEREAS**, the Ridgefield City Council adopted Ordinance No. 1284 on December 20, 2018 assuming all rights, powers, functions, and obligations of the Ridgefield Transportation Benefit District pursuant to RCW 36.74, and as a result the District was absorbed into the City and is no longer considered a separate legal entity; and

**WHEREAS**, the Ridgefield City Council adopted Ordinance No. 1285 on December 20, 2018 authorizing a twenty-dollar (\$20.00) annual vehicle licensing fee as authorized by RCW 82.80.140; and

**WHEREAS**, on July 22, 2021 the Ridgefield City Council adopted Ordinance No. 1346 increasing the annual vehicle licensing fee to thirty dollars (\$30.00).

**WHEREAS**, the City of Ridgefield has the responsibility for the improvement, maintenance, protection, and operation of public streets and transportation improvements within the City; and

**WHEREAS**, RCW 36.73.040(3) gives transportation benefit districts the authority to impose taxes, fees, charges, and tolls to carry out the purposes of the district; and,

**WHEREAS**, the City has identified a sales and use tax, in accordance with RCW 82.14.0455, as an authorized source of revenue to finance the pavement preservation projects identified in the City's Six-year Capital Improvement Plan as adopted or as hereafter amended. (collectively the "Pavement Preservation Projects"); and,

**WHEREAS**, the sales and use tax placed on taxable retail sales within the District, in the amount of two-tenths of one percent (0.2%) would be in effect for a period of ten years upon a favorable vote of the qualified electors within the District; and,

**WHEREAS**, it is the intent of the City Council to repeal the thirty-dollar annual vehicle licensing fee in the event the ballot measure is approved by the voters at such time as the tax collections are remitted to the City.

**NOW THEREFORE**, be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Ridgefield, Washington, as the governing board of the Ridgefield Transportation Benefit District as follows:

**Section 1.** Public Interest. The Ridgefield City Council finds that it is in the public interest to submit a ballot measure to the voters of Ridgefield to authorize a sales and use tax of two tenths of one percent (0.2%) for the purposes of funding the preservation, maintenance, operation and construction of transportation improvements within the City of Ridgefield.

**Section 2.** Findings. Each and every one of the recitals contained in the ‘whereas’ clauses of the preamble to this ordinance are hereby adopted as findings of fact and incorporated herein fully by reference.

**Section 3.** Ballot Measure. The Auditor of Clark County, as ex-officio supervisor of elections in Clark County, is hereby requested to conduct an election in the City of Ridgefield, in the manner provided by law, to be held on November 2, 2021 for the purpose of submitting to the qualified electors of the City, for their approval or rejection, a proposition in accordance with RCW 29A.36.071 and in substantially the following form:

**City of Ridgefield Washington**  
**(Ridgefield Transportation Benefit District)**  
**Proposition No. 1**  
**Sales and Use Tax for Transportation Improvements.**

The Ridgefield City Council adopted Resolution No. 596 concerning a tax to fund transportation improvements. This proposition would authorize a sales and use tax of two-tenths of one percent (0.2%) to be collected from all taxable retail sales within the City of Ridgefield in accordance with RCW 82.14.0455 for ten years.

Funds would be used to pay costs associated with pavement preservation projects identified in the City of Ridgefield Six-Year Capital Improvement Plan.

Should this proposition be approved.

Yes? \_\_\_\_\_

No? \_\_\_\_\_

**Section 4 Revenues.** The revenues received from the sales tax if approved shall only be expended on pavement preservation projects identified on the City's Six-Year Capital Improvement Plan as adopted or hereafter amended.

**Section 5 Authorization.** The Clerk of the City of Ridgefield is authorized and directed to present this Resolution to the Auditor of Clark County, Washington in accordance with RCW 29A.04.321 and as provided by law. The proper City officials are authorized to perform such duties as are necessary or required by law to submit the question of whether the sales and use tax shall be imposed, as provided in this resolution, to the electors at the November 2, 2021 general election.

**Section 6. Corrections.** The Clerk of the City of Ridgefield is authorized to make necessary clerical corrections to this resolution, including but not limited to corrections of scrivener's and clerical errors, references, numbering, section and subsection number and any references thereto, and to make corrections and revisions consistent with the requirements of the offices of the Clark County Auditor which do not change the substantive meaning of this resolution.

**Section 7 Severability.** If any section, sentence, clause, or phrase of this resolution should be held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of any other section, sentence, clause, or phrase.

**Section 8. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall be in full force and effect on July 22, 2021.

ADOPTED AT A REGULAR SESSION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIDGEFIELD, WASHINGTON THIS 22<sup>nd</sup> DAY OF JULY, 2021.

CITY OF RIDGEFIELD

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City Clerk