

**Resolution No. 1230**

A resolution providing for the submission to the voters of the City of Washougal, a proposition authorizing the City to continue the existing Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Program with an EMS Excess Property Tax Levy at the rate of \$0.50 per one thousand dollars of assessed valuation for six years (2024 through 2029).

**WHEREAS**, for the last approximate fifty years, Washougal voters have authorized an EMS Excess Property Tax Levy for the purpose of funding an Emergency Medical Services Program, approving a rate of \$0.50 per one thousand dollars of assessed value since 2005;

**AND WHEREAS**, RCW 84.52.069(5) authorizes an EMS Excess Property Tax Levy to be “used only for the provision of emergency medical care or emergency medical resources, including related personnel costs, training for such personnel, and related equipment, supplies, vehicles and structures need for the provisions of emergency medical care or emergency medical services”;

**AND WHEREAS**, RCW 84.52.069(2) authorizes an EMS Excess Property Tax Levy of up to \$0.50 per one thousand dollars of assessed value, for duration of six years, ten years, or permanently;

**AND WHEREAS**, the Council has determined that an EMS Excess Property Tax Levy at \$0.50 per one thousand dollars of assessed value for six years is necessary to provide a safe work environment for on-duty personnel, and to provide needed emergency medical response personnel on-scene for any medical emergency the City of Washougal may have;

**AND WHEREAS**, the prior six-year EMS Excess Property Tax Levy will expire on December 31, 2023;

**AND WHEREAS**, to continue adequate funding for the Emergency Medical Services Program, a six year EMS Excess Property Tax Levy at \$0.50 per one thousand dollars of assessed value must be approved by Washougal voters;

**AND WHEREAS**, the Council has determined that this EMS Excess Property Tax Levy proposition should be considered by Washougal voters at a special election held on the date of the 2023 general election on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of November 2023.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF WASHOUGAL, WASHINGTON as follows:**

**Section I**

The City Council hereby declares the need to call an election by the county auditor of Clark County, Ex-officio Supervisor for Elections for said County. The City of Washougal hereby requests said Auditor to call and conduct a special election in the City of Washougal in

the manner provided for by the law for the purpose of submitting to the electors of the City of Washougal for their approval or rejection, a question of whether regular property levies as authorized by RCW 84.52.069 should be made for all the taxable property within the City limits of the City of Washougal at the rate of \$ 0.50 per one thousand dollars of assessed valuation for a period of six years to be collected beginning in 2024. The date of the special election shall be the 7<sup>th</sup> day of November 2023.

The proceeds of said tax levies are to be used for the sole purpose of providing for the operation and maintenance of an Emergency Medical Program in the City of Washougal. If the proposition passes, the first year of collection will be 2024 and the final year of collection will be 2029.

**Section II**

The ballot title of the aforesaid proposition shall be as follows:

The Washougal City Council adopted Resolution No. 1230 which authorizes the City to fund emergency medical services with a regular property tax levy. This measure would impose regular property tax levies of \$.50 or less per \$1,000 of assessed valuation for each of six consecutive years beginning in 2024 to replace an expiring emergency medical services property tax levy as authorized by RCW 84.52.069. Should this tax levy be approved?

YES.....

NO.....

**Section III**

The City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to certify said proposition to the Supervisor of Elections for Clark County, Washington, forthwith as provided by law.

**Section IV**

The County Supervisor of Elections and/or the City Clerk is hereby authorized, directed and empowered to cause notices of such election to be given for the time and in the manner and form required by the laws of the State of Washington and to take all steps necessary to bring about and carry out such election.

**Section V**

This resolution shall take effect after its passage.

City of Washougal, Washington

*David Stuebe*

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Mayor

**ATTEST:**

*Daniel Layer*

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Finance Director/City Clerk

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

*Robert Zimmerman*

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City Attorney

