



Kittitas County Elections Ballot measure submission cover sheet

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Kittitas County Elections
205 W. 5th Ave, Suite 105; Ellensburg WA 98926
509.962.7503
elections@co.kittitas.wa.us

district information

City of Roslyn

name of district

Jeff Adams, Mayor

district contact person and title

(509) 649-3105

phone

clerk@ci.roslyn.wa.us

email

election information

April

election date

Property Tax Levy

type of measure (levy, bond, advisory vote, etc)

Simple Majority

pass / fail requirements (simple majority, super majority, 60%, etc), along with the applicable statutory references

contact information for public

This contact person from the district should be able to respond to questions from voters about the ballot measure. This contact information will be provided upon request.

Brandi Taklo, Clerk

district contact person and title

(509) 649-3105

phone

clerk@ci.roslyn.wa.us

email

Voter Pamphlet Contact Info

Pro Committee:

Cary Henspeter

Name

(425) 457-1247

Contact

Against Committee

name

Contact

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RESOLUTION NO. 24-003

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROSLYN, WASHINGTON, RELATING TO THE CITY'S REGULAR PROPERTY TAX LEVY; PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION TO THE VOTERS OF THE CITY AT A SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON April 23, 2024, A PROPOSITION AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO LEVY REGULAR PROPERTY TAXES IN AN AMOUNT IN EXCESS OF THE LIMITATIONS PROVIDED IN CHAPTER 84.55 RCW; DESIGNATING THE MAYOR, CITY CLERK, AND CITY ATTORNEY, TO RECEIVE NOTICE OF BALLOT TITLE FROM THE DIRECTOR OF ELECTIONS OF KITTITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON; AND PROVIDING FOR RELATED MATTERS

WHEREAS, the City Administration and City Council have engaged in several discussions regarding the cost of services relating to public safety, such as police protection, fire protection, and additional operating costs as a result of inflation as well as replenishment of city reserves; these discussions have been conducted in public council meetings with public engagement; and

WHEREAS, the promotion of public safety and the increased demands and costs of providing such services to the community require the expenditure of permanent and reliable (i.e., sustainable) revenues in excess of the current tax rate revenue; and

WHEREAS, chapter 84.55 RCW limits the amount of the City's regular property tax levy to 101% of the prior highest lawful levy amount (the "levy lid"), plus an additional amount for increases in assessed value from or due to new construction, construction of certain renewable energy facilities, improvements to property and state-assessed property; and

WHEREAS, due to the levy lid, the City's current property tax is \$0.78 per \$1000 of assessed value, which is \$2.59 per \$1000 of assessed value less than what is statutorily authorized; and

WHEREAS, RCW 84.55.050 provides for the levy of regular property taxes in an amount exceeding the limitations specified in Ch. 84.55 RCW if such increased levy is authorized by a ballot proposition approved by a majority of the voters at a special election held within the taxing district (a "levy lid lift"), which proposition may provide that the taxing district will use the

regular property tax levy amount so approved for purposes of computing the levy lid for subsequent levies, and that the proposition may set the regular property tax levy at a rate less than the maximum rate allowed for the taxing district, and that the exemption for low-income senior citizens, disabled veterans and other people with disabilities authorized by RCW 84.63.381 will apply to the levy lid lift; and

WHEREAS, the promotion of public health and safety for the provision of emergency services, such as police, fire, to combat inflation and replenish City reserves, require the expenditure of revenues in excess of the current levy lid; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that it is in the best interest of the City and its residents to submit a levy lid lift proposition under RCW 84.55.050(1) to the voters for their approval or rejection, authorizing an increase to the City's regular property tax for collection by a rate of approximately \$0.48 per \$1,000 of assessed value for a total levy rate \$1.26 per \$1,000, which remains less than the maximum aggregate rate of \$3.37 per \$1,000. The resulting increased revenue amount of approximately \$152,290 annually will be dedicated to funding public safety services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Roslyn, as follows:

Section 1. Findings and Determinations. The City Council (the "City Council") of City of Roslyn, Washington (the "City"), takes note of the foregoing recitals and incorporates them into this resolution as findings and determinations of the City Council.

Section 2. Description of the Ballot Proposition. The City Council seeks voter approval under RCW 84.55.050(1) of a levy proposition, as follows:

(a) Maximum Aggregate Levy Rate Authorized. The proposition authorizes the City to establish its maximum aggregate regular property tax levy to the amount resulting from a rate of \$1.26 per \$1,000 of assessed value for levy collection in 2025, which represents a rate that is less than the maximum rate allowed for the City.

(b) Computing the Limitations for Subsequent Levies. The City will use the dollar amount of the maximum aggregate property tax levy resulting from a rate of \$1.26 per \$1,000 of assessed value for the purpose of computing the limitations for subsequent levies under chapter 84.55 RCW.

(c) Exemption. The exemption authorized by RCW 84.36.381 applies to the additional regular property taxes authorized by this proposition.

Section 3. Calling of Election. The Director of Elections of Kittitas County, Washington, as *ex officio* Supervisor of Elections (the "Director of Elections"), is requested to hold a special election on April 23, 2024, in the manner provided by law (the "Special Election"), for the purpose of submitting to the qualified electors of the City of Roslyn, for their approval or rejection, the proposition authorizing the City to increase its regular property tax levy for collection in 2025 by an amount greater than otherwise permitted under chapter 84.55 RCW and to use the dollar amount of such levy for the purpose of computing the limitations for the City's subsequent levies under chapter 84.55 RCW.

Section 4. Form of Ballot Title. Pursuant to RCW 29A.36.071, the City Attorney of the City (the "City Attorney") has prepared the concise description of the aforesaid proposition for the ballot title in substantially the following form:

City of Roslyn
Proposition No. 1
Levy to Support Public Safety, Combat Inflation, and Replenish
Reserves

The Roslyn City Council adopted Resolution No. 24-003, concerning sustainable funding for public safety, to combat inflation and replenish City reserves.

This proposition would help fund public safety services for residents, combat inflation and replenish City reserves. It authorizes a maximum regular property tax rate for collection in 2025 of \$1.26 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation (an approximately \$0.48 per \$1,000 increase). The 2025 levy amount will be used to compute the limitations for subsequent levies under chapter 84.55 RCW. Low income seniors, disabled veterans and others with disabilities may be exempt from the increase under RCW 84.36.381.

Should this proposition be approved:

Yes
No

Section 5. Levy Proceeds Deposited to General Fund. The levy proceeds of approximately \$152,290 annually shall be deposited in the general revenue fund.

Section 6. Eligible Expenditures and Accountability. If the levy is approved by the voters, the approximately \$152,290 of funds received annually from its passage deposited per Section 5 shall be used for the purposes provided therein and as identified for in the following subsections.

- (a) Public Safety services such as police services, fire services, and snow removal.
- (b) To combat inflation and replenish City reserves.

Section 7. Authorization to Deliver Resolution to Director of Elections and Perform Other Necessary Duties. The Mayor or his designee is authorized and directed to: (a) present a certified copy of this resolution to the Director of Elections no later than February 23, 2024; and (b) perform such other duties as are necessary or required by law to submit to the City's voters at the Special Election, for their approval or rejection, the proposition authorizing the City to increase its regular property tax levy for collection in 2025 by an amount greater than otherwise permitted under chapter 84.55 and to use the dollar amount of such levy for the purpose of computing the limitations for the City's subsequent levies under chapter 84.55 RCW.

Section 8. Appointment of Pro/Con Committees. No later than February 23, 2024, the City Council will seek to appoint a committee to prepare arguments advocating voters' approval of the measure ("Pro Committee") and a committee to prepare arguments advocating voters' rejection of the measure ("Con Committee"). The committee advocating approval of the advisory proposition shall be composed of persons known to favor the ballot proposition, and the committee advocating disapproval shall be composed of persons known to oppose the ballot proposition. If the City Council does not appoint committees by the deadline, the Kittitas County Auditor's Office will seek out, and whenever possible, appoint up to three members to each committee.

Section 9. Notices Relating to Ballot Title. For purposes of receiving notice of the exact language of the ballot title required by RCW 29A.36.080, the City Council hereby designates (a) the City Clerk (Brandi Taklo), telephone: 509-649-3105; email: clerk@ci.roslyn.wa.us; (b) the Mayor (Jeffrey Adams), telephone: 509-649-3105; email: mayor@ci.roslyn.wa.us; and (c) the City Attorney (Ann Marie Soto), telephone: (425) 201-5111; email: AnnMarie@madronalaw.com as the individuals to whom the Director of

Elections shall provide such notice. The City Clerk is authorized to approve changes to the ballot title, as determined necessary.


Section 10. General Authorization and Ratification of Prior Acts. This resolution may be executed by the Mayor of the City, and attested by the City Clerk in tangible medium, manual, facsimile, or electronic form under any security procedure or platform, and notwithstanding any other City ordinance, resolution, rule, policy, or procedure, or in any other manner evidencing its adoption. The Mayor, City Clerk, City Attorney, other appropriate officers of the City, are individually authorized and directed to take such actions and to create, accept, execute, send, use, and rely upon such documents, records, and signatures (including in tangible medium, manual, facsimile, or electronic form, under any security procedure or platform, and notwithstanding any other City ordinance, resolution, rule, policy, or procedure) as in their judgment may be necessary or desirable to effectuate the provisions of this resolution. All actions taken prior to the effective date of this resolution in furtherance of and not inconsistent with the provisions of this resolution are ratified and confirmed in all respects.

Section 11. Severability. If a court of competent jurisdiction, all appeals having been exhausted or all appeal periods having run, holds any provision of this resolution invalid or unenforceable, then the offending provision is null and void, is separate and severable from the remaining provisions of this resolution and in no way affects the validity of the other provisions of this resolution or of the levy or collection of the regular property taxes as so authorized herein.

Section 12. Effective Date. This resolution takes effect upon its adoption.

Section 13. Corrections. The City Clerk is authorized to make necessary corrections to this resolution including, but not limited to, the correction of scrivener's/clerical errors, references, numbering, section/subsection numbers and any references thereto.

PASSED BY A MAJORITY VOTE of the members of the Roslyn City Council this 13th day of February 2024. APPROVED



Jeffrey Adams
Mayor

ATTEST:



Brandi Taklo
City Clerk