

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
COUNTY OF KITTITAS
STATE OF
WASHINGTON

RESOLUTION
NO. 2013 _____

A RESOLUTION TO SUBMIT A PROPOSITION TO THE VOTERS OF KITTITAS COUNTY
AUTHORIZING THE CONTINUED MAINTENANCE OF THE THREE TENTHS OF 1%
COUNTY SALES AND USE TAX TO FUND KITTITAS COUNTY AND THE INCORPORATED
CITIES OF KITTITAS COUNTY FOR CRIMINAL JUSTICE PURPOSES.

- Whereas:** RCW 82.14.450 authorizes county legislative authorities to adopt a Resolution providing for the submission of a proposal to the voters for a sales and use tax at the next primary or general election; and
- Whereas:** Public testimony was offered at a hearing, timely notice of which was provided in writing, during which there was general support of the submission of the proposal to the voters; and
- Whereas:** There is a need to maintain services for law and justice services in Kittitas County and the municipalities therein and by continued funding of those services with the sales and use tax established by Kittitas County Code 3.04 by three tenths of 1%. The purpose of the measure would be to maintain funding for those costs associated with the retention of existing law enforcement officers to include maintenance of expenditures for county-wide proactive law enforcement investigation specifically intended to address major crimes, narcotics investigations, and provide for court security and custody of personnel. Funding also would be maintained for retention of clerks, prosecution, probation, and animal control. This funding would not be authorized for design, land acquisition, or construction or operation of the jail or the courthouse. This tax shall not be used to replace or supplant existing criminal justice funding. This tax shall also, if approved by the voters, automatically expire in 7 years from the commencement of the collection of the tax absent further authorization by the voters. This matter shall be placed on the August 2013 ballot for voter consideration; and
- Whereas:** The Board of County Commissioners of Kittitas County finds the proposal to be in the public interest, and, if maintained by the voters, shall include within its boundaries all of Kittitas County, Washington;

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved

A ballot proposition shall be submitted to the voters of Kittitas County, Washington, at the Primary Election of August 6, 2013 in substantially the following form:

**PROPOSITION NO. _____
CRIMINAL JUSTICE SALES AND USE TAX**

The Board of County Commissioners of Kittitas County, Washington adopted Resolution 2013-_____ concerning a proposition to maintain funding of vitally important law and justice personnel and criminal justice related services. The tax will continue to be used to maintain existing law enforcement personnel and criminal justice related services and personnel to include county clerks, prosecuting attorneys, probation, animal control, and associated administrative personnel. The tax will commence January 1, 2015. The tax will expire in 7 years unless further authorized by a public vote.

Shall the sales and use tax be maintained by three tenths of one percent to continue funding of essential law enforcement, criminal justice related personnel and services, and animal control for Kittitas County and the incorporated cities of Kittitas County?

Yes _____ No _____

DATED this _____ day of _____, 2013, at Ellensburg, Washington.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
KITITITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Obie O'Brien, Chair

Paul Jewell, Vice-Chair

Gary Berndt, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Clerk of the Board