

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
COUNTY OF KITTITAS  
STATE OF WASHINGTON**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2020-005**

**AN ORDINANCE EXTENDING LOCAL CONTROL OVER  
RURAL COUNTY SALES AND USE TAX FUNDS**

- Whereas:** In 1998, Kittitas County approved Resolution No. 98-45, which allowed Kittitas County, pursuant to RCW 82.14.370, to take a credit of .08% against the State's portion of the sales and use tax, to finance local public facility projects in rural counties that serve economic development purposes and/or finance local personnel in economic development offices, for a period of 25 years-expiring June 30, 2023;
- Whereas:** Kittitas County's credit did not impose a new tax, but instead shifted control over a portion of the sales and use tax imposed by the State, from the State to Kittitas County;
- Whereas:** Substitute House Bill 1751, Chapter 511, Laws of 2009 amended RCW 82.14.370(4) to reset the start of the 25-year period during which rural counties may take a credit, to the date the county increased its credit from .08% to .09%;
- Whereas:** On July 30, 2007, Kittitas County adopted Ordinance No. 2007-23, which increased Kittitas County's credit from .08% to .09%;
- Whereas:** Because of the amendment to RCW 82.14.370(4), Kittitas County is authorized to extend the period in which it receives this credit, from June 30, 2023 to July 30, 2032;
- Whereas:** Extending the duration of Kittitas County's credit is not a new tax, nor is it extending a tax;
- Whereas:** If Kittitas County does not extend the duration of its credit, this would not result in a decrease in the total tax rate, but would instead mean the State would control all future sales and use tax revenue;
- Whereas:** Kittitas County uses its credit to fund local projects that benefit Kittitas County by encouraging further economic development of Kittitas County;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED**, the Board of Kittitas County Commissioners will extend the imposition of its credit of .09% against the State's sales and use tax to July 30, 2032, so that Kittitas County can continue to fund local economic development projects;

**BE IT ALSO ORDAINED**, Kittitas County Code Section 3.05.060 shall be amended to reflect this extension, and shall read, *in pertinent part*, (additions to this text are shown by underline and deletions by ~~strikeout~~; the rest of chapter 3.05 shall remain in full force and effect) as follows:


3.05.060.      Effective Date and Expiration Date. The tax imposed by KCC 3.05.010 shall take effect August 1, 2007 and shall expire ~~June 30, 2023~~ July 30, 2032.

**BE IT ALSO ORDAINED**, the Information Technology Department is charged with incorporating and updating the amendment authorized herein on the Kittitas County web page.


**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, the Prosecuting Attorney's Office is charged with correcting any scrivener's errors arising out of the amendment process. No further authorization will be needed from the Kittitas County Board of Commissioners for the Prosecuting Attorney's Office to effect correction of scrivener's errors relating to this Ordinance.

ADOPTED this 4<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2020, at Ellensburg, Washington.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
KITTITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

  
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