

RESOLUTION NO. 24-003

A RESOLUTION providing for the submission to the voters of the City of Camas a proposition authorizing the City to continue the existing Emergency Medical Services Program with an EMS Regular Property Tax Levy at the rate of \$0.46 per one thousand dollars of assessed valuation for six years (2025 through 2030).

WHEREAS, for the last approximately forty years, Camas voters have authorized an EMS Regular Property Tax Levy for the purpose of funding an Emergency Medical Services Program, most recently at a rate of \$0.46 per one thousand dollars of assessed value for the years 2019 through 2024; and

WHEREAS, RCW 84.52.069(5) authorizes an EMS Regular Property Tax Levy to be "used only for the provision of emergency medical care or emergency medical services, including related personnel costs, training for such personnel, and related equipment, supplies, vehicles and structures needed for the provision of emergency medical care or emergency medical services"; and

WHEREAS, RCW 84.52.069(2) authorizes an EMS Regular 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 Regular Property Tax Levy at \$0.46 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 Camas may have; and

WHEREAS, the prior six-year EMS Regular Property Tax Levy will expire on December 31, 2024; and

WHEREAS, to continue adequate funding for the Emergency Medical Services program, a six-year EMS Regular Property Tax Levy at \$0.46 per one thousand dollars of assessed value must be approved by Camas voters; and

WHEREAS, the Council has determined that this EMS Regular Property Tax Levy proposition should be considered by Camas voters at a special election held on the date of the 2024 special election on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of April 2024.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Camas:

## 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 Camas hereby requests said Auditor to call and conduct a special election in the City of Camas in the manner provided for by the law for the purpose of submitting to the electors of the City of Camas 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 Camas at the rate of \$0.46 per one thousand dollars of assessed valuation for a period of six years, to be collected beginning in 2025. The date of the special election shall be the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of April 2024.

## II

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

Will the City of Camas, Washington be authorized to impose regular property tax levies of \$0.46 or less per \$1,000 of assessed valuation for each of six consecutive years beginning in 2025 to replace an expired Emergency Medical Services property tax levy as authorized by RCW 84.52.069?

YES .....

NO .....

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.

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.

V

This resolution shall take effect after its passage.

ADOPTED by the Council of the City of Camas and approved by the Mayor this 20<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2024.

SIGNED: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk

APPROVED as to form:

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City Attorney