

**ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

**AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE REGULAR TAX LEVY FOR THE YEAR 2024 FOR COLLECTION IN THE YEAR 2024; MAKING FINDINGS; AND RESERVING RIGHTS.**

**RECITALS:**

1. The City Council of the City of McCleary has met and is considering its budget for the calendar year 2024.
2. Based upon the information provided by the Office of the County Assessor, the City's actual annual ad valorem levy amount for 2023 was \$396,000.00. Further, based on information received from the Assessor's Office, the city is not eligible for a 1% increase in 2024.
3. At a public hearing held on October 25, 2023 and November 1, 2023, the City Council provided the opportunity to receive comments from citizens of the City on the elements of revenue projections and the ad valorem tax levy.
4. As to new construction valuation, the information from the Office of the County Assessor shows a total value of \$449,190.00 for a property tax value of \$597.89. No property was shown as annexed during the period.
5. The City has a population of less than 10,000 citizens.
6. The City Council of the City of McCleary, following the required public hearing and after duly considering all information received from the Assessor's Office and relevant evidence and testimony presented, has determined the City of McCleary will not exercise its authority to increase the regular tax levy by the authorized one percent, as it is not available for the 2024 year.
7. In adopting this ordinance, the City is relying upon the accuracy and

completeness of the information provided to it by the Office of the County Assessor.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AS FOLLOWS BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF McCLEARY:

SECTION I: The regular property tax levy is hereby authorized for 2024 for collection in 2024 in an amount of \$348,509.97, a figure which the Office of the County Assessor has indicated represents the amount allowed by RCW 84.55.0101 from the amount levied and collected the previous year, to include additional revenue resulting from assessment of any new construction, improvements to property, any increase in the value of state assessed property or utilities, any annexations which have occurred, or any refunds. This amount is lower than the previous year due to an error in 2023 for a fire levy lid lift in the amount of \$49,114.98, and reflects a refund of said amount.

SECTION II: This ordinance is based upon the information from the Office of the County Assessor as to amounts and calculations, as well as advice from County officials that this ordinance can be amended to modify the tax rate established herein by adoption of an appropriate amendatory ordinance. The City specifically reserves the right to take such amendatory action up to and including the last day allowed. Upon execution by the Mayor, a certified copy of this Ordinance shall be provided to the appropriate officials of the County so as to provide for appropriate assessment.

SECTION IV: If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance. The Council hereby declares that it would have passed this Ordinance and each section, subsection, sentence, clause, and phrase thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections; subsections, sentences, clauses, or phrase

had been declared invalid or unconstitutional, and if for any reason this Ordinance should be declared invalid or unconstitutional, then the original ordinance or ordinances shall be in full force and effect.

SECTION V: Corrections by the Clerk-Controller or Code Reviser. Upon approval of the Mayor and City Attorney, the Clerk-Controller and the Code Reviser are authorized to make necessary corrections to this ordinance, including the correction of clerical errors, references to other local, state or federal laws, codes, rules, or regulations, or ordinance number and section/subsection numbering.

SECTION VI: This ordinance shall take effect upon the fifth day following the date of publication.

PASSED THIS \_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 2023, by the City Council of the City of McCleary, and signed in approval therewith this \_\_\_\_\_, day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

CITY OF McCLEARY:

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CHRIS MILLER, Mayor

ATTEST:

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JENNA AMSBURY, Clerk-Treasurer

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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CHRISTOPHER JOHN COKER, City Attorney