

RESOLUTION NO. 1677

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF SNOQUALMIE, WASHINGTON PROVIDING FOR A SUBMISSION TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY AT AN ELECTION TO BE HELD ON AUGUST 6, 2024, OF A PROPOSITION AUTHORIZING AN INCREASE TO THE SALES AND USE TAX WITHIN THE CITY IN THE AMOUNT OF ONE-TENTH OF ONE PERCENT (0.1%) FOR THE PURPOSE OF FUNDING PUBLIC SAFETY, INCLUDING POLICE AND FIRE, AND SETTING FORTH THE TEXT OF THE BALLOT PROPOSITION, AS AUTHORIZED BY RCW 82.14.450.

WHEREAS, Section 82.14.450(2)(a) of the Revised Code of Washington (“RCW”) permits the Council to submit a proposition to the city voters at a primary or general election and, if the proposition is approved by a majority of persons voting, impose a sales and use tax; and

WHEREAS, Section 82.14.450(5) of the RCW states that one-third of all money received under this section must be used solely for criminal justice purposes, fire protection purposes, or both; and

WHEREAS, the Snoqualmie City Council has carefully considered the financial needs of the City’s Police and Fire service and the imposition of the tax and has determined that it is the best interests of the City and the public at large to propose in the upcoming general election on August 1, 2024 a ballot proposition increasing the sales and use tax in the amount of one-tenth of one percent (0.1%) of the selling price in the case of a sales tax, or the value of the article used in the case of a use tax.

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

Section 1. Findings. The City Council hereby adopts and incorporates by reference the above recitals as findings in support of this Resolution.

Section 2. Purpose of Ballot Proposition. The City Council finds that it is in the best interest of the City and the general public to submit to a vote of the electorate a sales and use tax of one-tenth of one percent (0.1%), pursuant to section 82.14.450 of the Revised Code of Washington for the purpose of raising revenue to be used solely for public safety purposes, which may include but are not limited to personnel and related costs of recruiting, hiring, training, equipping, and employing the public safety professionals described above, and to pay other related public safety expenses including costs of mental health and human services, and for any additional purposes authorized by RCW 82.14.450. The Council reserves the right, in accordance with its biennial budget process, to determine the levels of service to be provided as permitted under applicable state law and within the available revenues collected from this increase. The tax shall be in addition to any other taxes authorized by law and shall be collected from those persons who are taxable by the state under RCW 82.14 upon the occurrence of any taxable event within the City.

Section 3. Calling of Election. It is hereby found that the best interests of the inhabitants of Snoqualmie require the submission to the qualified electors of Snoqualmie for approval or rejection at the election to be held on August 6, 2024 of a proposition authorizing an additional sales and use tax of one-tenth of one percent (0.1%) on the selling price in the case of a sales tax or the value of the article used in the case of a use tax pursuant to RCW 82.14.450(2)(a). The Director of King County Elections, as ex officio supervisor of elections in the City, is hereby requested to assume jurisdiction of and to submit to the qualified electors of Snoqualmie the proposition hereinafter set forth.

Section 4. Submission of Ballot Title to the County. The City Clerk is hereby directed, no later than May 3, 2024, to certify the proposition to the Director to King County Elections in substantially the following form:

PROPOSITION 1

**CITY OF SNOQUALMIE SEEKS VOTER APPROVAL TO IMPOSE A PUBLIC
SAFETY SALES AND USE TAX**

Shall the City of Snoqualmie be allowed to impose a sales and use tax in the amount of one-tenth of one percent (0.1%) to provide ongoing funding for public safety purposes as permitted under RCW 82.14.450 in order to sustain current levels of service provided by the Police and Fire Departments which have been impacted by inflation?

Yes

No

Section 5. Corrections by the City Clerk or Code Reviser. Upon approval of the City Attorney, the City Clerk and Code Reviser are authorized to make necessary corrections to this resolution, including the correction of clerical errors; references to other local, state or federal laws, codes, rules, or regulations, or resolution numbering and section/subsection numbering.

PASSED by the City Council of the City of Snoqualmie, Washington this 8th of January 2024.

Katherine Ross, Mayor

Attest:

Deana Dean, City Clerk

Approved as to form:

David Linehan, Interim City Attorney