

RESOLUTION NO. 1723

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF SNOQUALMIE, WASHINGTON, AUTHORIZING AN INCREASE IN THE SALES AND USE TAX IN THE AMOUNT OF ONE-TENTH OF ONE PERCENT (0.1%) FOR CRIMINAL JUSTICE PURPOSES; AS AUTHORIZED IN SECTION 201, CHAPTER 350, LAWS OF WASHINGTON 2025; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, the Washington State Legislature enacted House Bill 2015 in the 2025 legislative session to provide qualified cities, towns, or counties the ability to authorize, by resolution or ordinance, a new local option sales and use tax of one-tenth of one percent (0.1%) for criminal justice purposes; and

WHEREAS, the Snoqualmie City Council seeks to enhance criminal justice funding; and

WHEREAS, the Snoqualmie City Council has carefully considered the financial needs of the Snoqualmie Police Department, and criminal justice in general, which includes programs and/or responses that have a positive impact on the criminal justice system, such as the provision of adequate public defense or homeless and mental health services designed to reduce the numbers of people interacting with the criminal justice system, and has determined that it is the best interests of the City to increase 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; and

WHEREAS, the Snoqualmie City Council finds that the Snoqualmie Police Department meets the requirements to receive a grant from the Local Law Enforcement Grant Program created in Section 101, Chapter 350, Laws of Washington 2025; and

WHEREAS, the City of Snoqualmie receives distributions from the criminal justice sales and use tax authorized by RCW 82.14.340 and receives distributions from the public safety sales and

use tax authorized by RCW 82.14.450 and approved by the qualified electors of Snoqualmie as certified by the King County Department of Elections on August 22, 2024.

WHEREAS, the qualified electors of Snoqualmie have not repealed by referendum the criminal justice sales and use tax imposed pursuant to RCW 82.14.340 or rejected a ballot proposition to impose the public safety sales and use tax authorized by RCW 82.14.450 in the previous 12 months;

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

SECTION 1. Findings.

A. The Snoqualmie City Council finds that the Snoqualmie Police Department, meets the requirements to receive a grant from the Local Law Enforcement Grant Program created in Section 101, Chapter 350, Laws of Washington 2025, having:

1. Issued and implemented policies consistent with RCW 43.17.425 and 10.93.160, and the Washington State Office of the Attorney General's (AGO) Keep Washington Working Act guide, model policies, and training recommendations for state and local law enforcement agencies.
2. Participated in Criminal Justice Training Commission (CJTC) trainings as required by RCW 43.101.455 and 36.28A.445.
3. Issued and implemented policies and practices regarding use of force and de-escalation tactics consistent with RCW 10.120.030 and the AGO's model policies, and all other CJTC and AGO model policies regarding use of force for law enforcement, including, but not limited to, duty to intervene and training and use of canine teams.
4. Implemented use of force data collection and reporting consistent with chapters 10.118 and 10.120 RCW when the program is operational, as confirmed by a notice from AGO to all police chiefs and sheriffs.

5. Issued and implemented policies and practices consistent with chapters 7.105 and 9.41 RCW and the CJTC model policies and training addressing firearm relinquishment pursuant to court orders.
 6. A 25 percent office completion rate with the CJTC's 40-hour crisis intervention team training.
 7. A 100 percent officer compliance rate for those officers required to complete trauma-informed, gender-based violence interviewing, investigation, response, and case review training developed or approved by the CJTC pursuant to RCW 43.101.272 and 43.101.276, and if requested by the CJTC, participated in agency case reviews.
 8. Received funding from a sales and use tax authorized pursuant to RCW 82.140.340 or RCW 82.14.450.
 9. A Police Chief who is certified by the CJTC, and who has not been convicted of a felony anywhere in the United States or under foreign law or been convicted of a gross misdemeanor involving moral turpitude, dishonesty, fraud, or corruption.
 10. Issued and implemented policies and practices that prohibit volunteers who assist with agency work from enforcing criminal laws, other than for assistance with special event traffic and parking, including engaging in pursuits, detention, arrests, the use of force, or the use of deadly force; carrying or the use of firearms or other weapons; or the use of dogs to track people or animals other than for purposes of search and rescue; and that set forth the required supervision of volunteers, including that they must be clearly identifiable by the public as distinguishable from peace officers and any identifying insignia must be officially issued by the and only used when on duty.
- B. The City of Snoqualmie has provided the CJTC with a detailed staffing plan specifying the following:
1. The total number of commissioned officers currently employed by the agency.

2. The total number of specially commissioned officers currently employed by the agency.
 3. The total number of co-response teams established within the agency and what staffing are included in each co-response team.
 4. The total number of administrative staff currently employed by the agency.
 5. The number of officers on flexible work schedules.
 6. The average 911 response rate of the agency over the 12-month period immediately preceding the month in which the City of Snoqualmie is submitting documentation to the CJTC.
 7. The average case closure rate of the City of Snoqualmie over the 12-month period immediately preceding the month in which the county is submitting documentation to the CJTC.
- C. The Snoqualmie City Council directs the Snoqualmie Police Department to submit required documentation to the CJTC demonstrating that the City of Snoqualmie meets the requirements of Section 101, Chapter 350, Laws of Washington 2025.

SECTION 2. Tax Imposed.

- A. **Tax Imposed.** To provide funding for criminal justice purposes as authorized by Section 201, Chapter 350, Laws of Washington 2025, an additional one-tenth of one percent (0.1%) sales and use tax is hereby levied, fixed, and imposed on all taxable events within the City of Snoqualmie as defined in chapters 82.08, 82.12 or 82.14 RCW.
- B. **Applicability of the Tax.** The tax shall be imposed upon and collected from those persons from who sales tax or use tax is collected in accordance with chapter 82.08 or 82.12 RCW and shall be collected at the rate of one-tenth of one percent (0.1%) of the selling price in the case of a sales tax, or value of the article used, in the case of a use tax.
- C. **Additional Tax.** The additional sales and use tax shall be in addition to all other existing sales and use taxes currently imposed by the City of Snoqualmie.

SECTION 3. Notice to Department of Revenue. The City Clerk is hereby directed to transmit this Resolution to the Washington State Department of Revenue (DOR) and to direct DOR to take all steps necessary to implement and collect the tax imposed by this resolution.

SECTION 4. Effective Date. This resolution shall take effect immediately after its passage.

SECTION 5. Severability. If any portion of this resolution is found to be invalid or unenforceable for any reason, such finding shall not affect the validity or enforceability of any other section of this resolution.

SECTION 6. Corrections by the City Clerk. Upon approval of the City Attorney, the City Clerk is 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 day of September 2025.

Katherine Ross, Mayor

Attest:

Approved as to form:

Deana Dean, City Clerk

Dena Burke, City Attorney