

**CITY OF STEVENSON, WASHINGTON
RESOLUTION 2024-444**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF STEVENSON, WASHINGTON PROVIDING FOR A BALLOT PROPOSITION TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY ON FEBRUARY 11, 2025 TO AUTHORIZE A SALES AND USE TAX TO FUND STREET REPAIRS, PEDESTRIAN SAFETY, SNOW PLOWING, REDUCE SEWER UTILITY RATES AND GENERATE REVENUE BY ESTABLISHING A THREE-TENTHS OF ONE PERCENT (0.3% OR 3 CENTS OF EVERY TEN DOLLARS) SALES TAX RATE WITHIN THE STEVENSON TRANSPORTATION BENEFIT DISTRICT ENDING AFTER 10 YEARS GENERATING APPROXIMATELY \$270,000.

Whereas, the City of Stevenson established a transportation benefit district as authorized by the Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 35.21.225 and subject to the provisions of RCW 36.73 through the adoption of Ordinance No. 2024-1219 on August 7, 2024 for the purpose of acquiring, constructing, improving, providing, and funding transportation improvements within the district that are consistent with any existing state, regional, and local transportation plans and necessitated by existing or reasonably foreseeable congestion levels; and

Whereas, the City Council of the City of Stevenson found it to be in the best interest of the City to establish a citywide transportation benefit district for the preservation and maintenance of the City's transportation infrastructure; and

Whereas, the City Council of the City of Stevenson, pursuant to SESSB 5987 Section 301 and Section 303 with the adoption of Ordinance No. 2024-1221 on September 19, 2024, assumed the rights, powers, functions, immunities, and obligations of the Stevenson Transportation Benefit District; and

Whereas, the necessary transportation improvement projects are identified in the City of Stevenson's Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program and/or Capital Facilities Plan; and

Whereas, RCW 36.73.040 (3)(a) authorizes transportation benefit districts to impose a sales and use tax in accordance with RCW 82.14.0455(1) in an amount not exceeding three-tenths of one percent (0.3%) for a period of ten (10) years upon a favorable vote of the qualified electors within the district for the purpose of financing certain transportation improvements; and

THE CITY OF STEVENSON DOES RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Purpose. The City Council of the City of Stevenson finds that it is in the best interest of the transportation benefit district to submit to the qualified voters of the city, at an election on February 11, 2025, a proposition authorizing the City of Stevenson to impose a sales and use tax of three-tenths of one percent (0.3%) pursuant to RCW sections 36.73.040(3)(a), 36.73.065(1), and 82.14.0455 for the purpose of raising revenue to acquire, invest in, construct, improve, provide, operate, preserve, maintain and/or fund transportation improvements in the city and to impose such sales and use tax if approved by an affirmative vote of a majority of the city voters voting at the election.

Section 2. Revenues. The revenues received from this portion of the sales and use tax shall only be expended on transportation projects approved by the City Council of the City of Stevenson under the local TBD determining the application of moneys available for the TBD projects so as to accomplish projects.

Section 3. Material change policy. The City Council may alter, make substitutions to, and amend the projects as it determines in the best interests of the district and in accordance with the material change policy adopted by the board and the notice, hearing, and other procedures described in RCW Chapter 36.73, including and without limitation RCW 36.73.050(2)(b) as amended.

Section 4. Considerations regarding transportation improvements. The City Council finds that the transportation improvements which will reduce risk of transportation facility failure and improve safety, improve travel time, improve air quality, increase daily and peak-period trip capacity, improve modal connectivity, improve freight mobility, provide cost-effective investment, provide for optimal performance of the transportation system through time, and improve accessibility for, or other benefits to, persons with special transportation needs are in the best interests of the City.

Section 5. Ballot Measure. The Auditor of Skamania County, as ex-officio supervisor of elections, is hereby requested to conduct an election in the City of Stevenson Transportation Benefit District, in the manner provided by law, to be held on February 11, 2025, for the purpose of submitting to the qualified electors of the City of Stevenson in accordance with RCW 29A.36.071 and in substantially the following form:

City of Stevenson

Transportation Benefit District

Proposition 1

Stevenson Utility Rate Reduction, Street Repair, Infrastructure Investment Proposition

- The Stevenson City Council adopted Resolution No. 2024-444, a sales and use tax to fund street repairs, pedestrian safety, snow plowing, reduce sewer utility rates and generate revenue by establishing a three-tenths of one percent (0.3% or 3 cents of every ten dollars) sales tax rate within the Stevenson Transportation Benefit District ending after 10 years generating approximately \$270,000.

Shall this proposition be approved?

Yes

No

Section 6. Authorization. The clerk of the City of Stevenson is authorized and directed to present this resolution to the Auditor of Skamania County, Washington in accordance with RCW 29A.04.321 and as provided by law.

Section 7. Corrections. The clerk of the City of Stevenson is authorized to make necessary clerical corrections to this resolution, including but not limited to the corrections of scrivener's and clerical errors, references, numbering, section and subsection number and any references thereto, and to make corrections and revisions consistent with the requirements of the offices of the Skamania County Auditor which do not change the substantive meaning of this resolution.

Section 8. Severability. If any section, sentence, clause or phrase of this resolution should be held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of any other section, sentence, clause or phrase.

PASSED by the Council of the City of Stevenson this ____ day of _____, 2024.

Scott Anderson, Mayor of the City of Stevenson

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Clerk

Robert C. Muth
City Attorney