

**CITY OF STEVENSON, WASHINGTON  
RESOLUTION 2019 – 336**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF STEVENSON, WASHINGTON, PROVIDING FOR  
THE SUBMISSION TO THE VOTERS OF THE CITY AT THE NOVEMBER 5, 2019  
GENERAL ELECTION OF A PROPOSITION AUTHORIZING A SALES AND USE  
TAX AT THE RATE OF ONE-TENTH OF ONE PERCENT PURSUANT TO RCW  
82.14.530 TO BE USED FOR THE PURPOSE OF HOUSING AND HOUSING RELATED  
SERVICES.**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Stevenson, Washington as follows:

**Section 1. Findings and Determinations.** The City Council makes note of the following facts and makes the following findings and determinations:

- A. The City has a critical need for additional funding to provide housing and housing-related services for the homeless, or persons in danger of being homeless.
- B. Housing affordability and homelessness is a growing problem in Skamania County and the City of Stevenson, which requires prompt attention to reduce human suffering for vulnerable populations of our citizens.
- C. Skamania County coordinated entry providers have developed a vulnerability index tool to help define and prioritize use of City funds.
- D. Vulnerable persons are defined as persons that are susceptible to reduced or impaired health, housing, financial or social stability outcomes because of current experience or historical exposure to trauma, violence, poverty, isolation, bias, racism, stigma, discrimination, disability, chronic illness, and/or systemic barriers.
- E. The Stevenson-Carson School District reports that for the 2018-2019 school year that 56 students in local schools were identified as homeless.
- F. RCW 82.14.531(1)(b)(i) provides that if a county with a population of one million five hundred thousand or less has not imposed the full tax rate under RCW 82.14.530(1)(a) of a sales and use tax not to exceed one-tenth of one percent of the selling price in the case of sales tax, or value of the article used in the case of a use tax, then any city legislative authority located in that county may submit an authorizing proposition to the city voters at a special or general election authorizing a sales and use tax increase of not more than one-tenth of one percent, provided that a minimum of sixty (60) percent of the moneys collected under RCW 82.14.530 be used for the following purposes:
  - a. Construct affordable housing, which may include new units of affordable housing within an existing structure, and facilities providing housing-related services; or
  - b. Constructing mental and behavioral health-related facilities; or

- c. Funding the operations and maintenance costs of new units of affordable housing and facilities where housing-related programs are provided, or newly constructed evaluation and treatment centers; and that the affordable housing and facilities providing housing-related programs in (a) above may only be provided to persons within any of the following population groups whose income is at or below sixty (60) percent of the median income of the county wherein the city imposing the tax is located:
  - i. Persons with mental illness;
  - ii. Veterans;
  - iii. Senior citizens;
  - iv. Homeless, or at-risk of being homeless, families with children;
  - v. Unaccompanied homeless youth or young adults;
  - vi. Persons with disabilities; or
  - vii. Domestic violence survivors.

The remainder of the moneys collected under RCW 82.14.530 must be used for the operation, delivery, or evaluation of mental and behavioral health treatment programs and services or housing-related services.

- G. The legislative authority of the city imposing the tax has the authority to issue general obligation or revenue bonds within the limitations now or hereafter prescribed by the laws of this state, and my use, and is authorized to pledge, up to fifty (50) percent of the moneys collected under this section for repayment of such bonds, in order to finance the provision or construction of affordable housing facilities where housing-related programs are provided, or evaluation and treatment centers as described in RCW 82.14.530(2)(a)(iii) and no more than ten (10) percent of the moneys collected under RCW 82.14.530 may be used to supplant existing local funds.
- H. The City Council is seeking new revenue dedicated to providing affordable housing and housing-related services as provided by RCW 82.14.530.
- I. The City Council determines that it is in the best interest of the City and promotes the health, safety and welfare of its residents to submit to the voters a proposition authorizing the one-tenth of one percent sales and use tax pursuant to RCW 82.14.530.

**Section 2. Submittal to voters.** To provide the necessary funding for the expenditures identified in Section 3 of this resolution, the City Council directs the submission of a proposition to the registered voters of the City, substantially in the form set forth in this resolution, to impose a sales and use tax to be levied 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, commencing not earlier than April 1, 2020, pursuant to RCW 82.14.530.

**Section 3. Eligible expenditures.** The eligible purposes for which the proceeds of the sales and use tax may be expended include any and all of the purposes set forth in RCW 82.14.530, as it may be amended from time to time, which purposes are currently described as follows:

- A. A minimum of sixty percent of the proceeds must be used for the following purposes:
- i. Constructing affordable housing, which may include new units of affordable housing within an existing structure, and facilities providing housing-related services, solely for eligible households (as defined below); or
  - ii. Constructing mental and behavioral health-related facilities; or
  - iii. Funding the operations and maintenance costs of new units of affordable housing and facilities where housing-related programs are provided, or newly constructed evaluation and treatment centers.
- B. The remaining proceeds shall be used for the operation, delivery and evaluation of mental and behavioral health treatment programs and services or housing- related services.
- C. No more than ten percent of the proceeds may be used to supplant existing local funds.
- D. For purposes of this provision, "eligible households" means persons within any of the following population groups whose income is at or below sixty percent of median income:
- i. Persons with mental illness;
  - ii. Veterans;
  - iii. Senior citizens;
  - iv. Homeless, or at-risk of being homeless, families with children;
  - v. Unaccompanied homeless youth or young adults;
  - vi. Persons with disabilities; or
  - vii. Domestic violence survivors.
- E. In accordance with RCW 82.14.530(5), up to fifty percent of the proceeds may be used for repayment of bonds issued to finance the provision or construction of affordable housing, facilities where housing-related programs are provided, or evaluation and treatment centers, all as described in A(iii), above.
- F. The City Council shall determine the application of moneys available to the eligible expenditures described above, in its discretion, including the locations, specifications, eligibility requirements and other elements necessary for the appropriate use of the proceeds within the purposes described above, as well as the timing, order and manner of implementing or completing the any such projects. All eligible construction expenditures described above shall be deemed to include the costs of all necessary design, engineering, financial, legal and other consulting services, inspection and testing, administrative and relocation expenses and other costs incurred in connection with the foregoing. If the City Council shall determine that it has become impractical to acquire, construct, or implement all or any particular proposed project by reason of changed conditions, incompatible development, costs substantially in excess of the amount of sales and use tax proceeds estimated to be available, lack of matching funds, or acquisition by a superior governmental authority, the City shall not be required to acquire, construct, or implement such portions.

**Section 4. Ballot Proposition.** The Skamania County Auditor, as ex officio supervisor of elections in Skamania County, Washington is hereby requested to call and conduct such election to be held within the City of Stevenson on November 5, 2019, and to submit to the qualified electors of the City of Stevenson for their approval or rejection a proposition to impose a sales and use tax to be levied at the rate 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 the use tax. The sales and use tax authorized by this section is in addition to any other taxes authorized by law shall be collected from those persons who are taxable by the State of Washington under Chapters 82.08 and 82.12 RCW upon the occurrence of any taxable event within the boundaries of the City of Stevenson. Upon approval of the voters of the proposition hereinafter set forth, the City may use proceeds of such sales and use tax for the purposes described in this resolution. The City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to certify, no later than August 1, 2019, to the Director of Elections, a copy of this resolution and the following proposition to be submitted to the qualified electors at that election, in substantially the following form:

CITY OF STEVENSON, WASHINGTON  
PROPOSITION 1  
SALES AND USE TAX FOR HOUSING AND RELATED SERVICES

The Stevenson City Council has passed Resolution 2019-336 concerning a sales tax for affordable housing and related purposes. If approved, this proposition would authorize an additional sales and use tax of one-tenth of one percent (0.1 %) to be collected within the City on all taxable retail sales in accordance with RCW 82.14.530. Eligible expenditures for tax proceeds include any and all of the affordable housing and related projects, programs, and services (including mental and behavioral health treatment programs and other housing-related services) as identified in Resolution No. 2019-336 and in RCW 82.14.530.

Should this proposition be approved?

Yes?.....   
No?.....

For purposes of receiving notice of the exact language of the ballot proposition required by RCW 29A.36.080, the City Council hereby designates: (a) the City Clerk; and (b) the City Attorney, as the individuals to whom such notice should be provided. The City Attorney and City Clerk are each authorized individually to approve changes to the ballot title, if any, deemed necessary by the Director of Elections.

The City Clerk is authorized to make necessary clerical corrections to this resolution including, but not limited to, the correction of scrivener's or clerical errors, references, resolution numbering, section/subsection numbers, and any reference thereto.

**Section 5. Severability.** If any provision of this resolution shall be declared by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, then such provision shall be null and void and shall be separable from the remaining provisions and shall in no way affect the validity of the other provisions, or of the imposition or collection of the tax authorized.

**PASSED** by the Council of the City of Stevenson this 17<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2019.

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Scott Anderson, Mayor of the City of

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Leana Kinley, City Clerk

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Kenneth B Woodrich, PC  
City Attorney