

## RESOLUTION 2019-07

### A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF TENINO, WASHINGTON IN SUPPORT OF THURSTON COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATION SYSTEMS AND FACILITIES PROPOSITION NO.1 – SALES AND USE TAX

**WHEREAS**, Thurston County Emergency Communication Systems and Facilities Proposition No. 1 Sales and Use Tax, ("Proposition 1") will be presented to the voters at the general election to be held on November 5, 2019; and

**WHEREAS**, Thurston 911 Communications (TCOMM 911), a 501(c)(3) organization, is a countywide enhanced 911 answering point and dispatch center for all law enforcement, fire services, and Medic One departments; and

**WHEREAS**, TCOMM 911 provides a state-of-the-art 24/7 x 365 operation, answering both 911 and 10digit emergency calls as well as texts from the public and dispatching an appropriate level of response based on protocols provided by and agreed to by law enforcement, fire services, and Medic One; and

**WHEREAS**, Thurston County, the cities of Lacey, Olympia, Rainier, Tenino, Tumwater, Yelm; the town of Bucoda; SE Thurston Regional Fire Authority, West Thurston Regional Fire Authority and the Thurston County Fire Protection District Nos. 3, 6, 8, 9, 12, 13, and 17 contract with TCOMM 911 for emergency communication services; and

**WHEREAS**, the Thurston County Public Safety Radio system operated by TCOMM 911 has reached its end of useful life and needs to be replaced; and

**WHEREAS**, 2019 legislative action modified RCW 82.14.420 by increasing the limitations of emergency communications sales/use tax from 1/10th of one percent to 2/10th of one percent, effective July 28, 2019; and

**WHEREAS**, the TCOMM 911 Administration Board of Directors adopted Resolution No. 2019-11 requesting the Thurston County Board of County Commissioners to place a measure on the November 2019 ballot to increase the emergency communications sales and use tax to 2/10th of one percent; and

**WHEREAS**, the Thurston County Board of County Commissioners adopted Ordinance No. 15802 and found that it is in the best interests of the County to submit to the qualified voters of the County, at a special election to be held on November 5, 2019 a proposition authorizing the County to impose an additional 1/10th of one percent sales and use tax (Proposition No. 1); and

**WHEREAS**, Proposition No. 1 would authorize Thurston County to increase the emergency communications sales/use tax from 1/10th of one percent to 2/10th of one percent; and

**WHEREAS**, funds from Proposition No. 1 would be for the sole purpose of funding the cost associated with financing, design, acquisition, construction, equipping, operating, maintaining, remodeling, repairing, reequipping, and improvement of the emergency communication systems and facilities provided by TCOMM 911; and

**WHEREAS**, approval of Proposition No. 1 by the qualified voters of Thurston County would replace TCOMM 911's current 40-year-old analog radio system with a new digital emergency communications system that will increase coverage, provide more capacity and allow better communications between and among first responders and dispatchers; and

**WHEREAS**, on September 10, 2019, the City Council held a public meeting pursuant to the provisions of RCW42.17A.555(l), at which members of the public were afforded an equal opportunity for the expression of an opposing view of Proposition No. 1.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TENINO WASHINGTON**, that the City Council is in support of the Thurston County Emergency Communication Systems and Facilities Proposition No. 1 - Sales and Use Tax and encourages voters to approve this Proposition on November 5, 2019.

**ADOPTED** by the City Council at a regularly scheduled meeting this 10<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2019.

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Wayne Fournier, Mayor

ATTEST:

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John C. Millard, Clerk/Treasurer

Approved as to form:

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Richard L. Hughes, City Attorney