

RESOLUTION NO. R2026-014

A RESOLUTION of the City Council of the City of Tumwater, Washington, supporting the Timberland Regional Library District Levy Lid Lift Proposition on the November 3, 2026, general election ballot.

WHEREAS, voters within the Timberland Regional Library District (Library District) will be presented with a proposition authorizing a regular property tax levy lid lift to support library services, operations and maintenance; and

WHEREAS, the Library District provides essential library services to residents throughout the region, including library collections, digital resources, educational programming, technology access, meeting spaces, and services for children, teens, families, seniors, and underserved populations; and

WHEREAS, Tumwater residents benefit from access to Library District services through the Tumwater Timberland Library, which serves as a vital community resource and gathering place; and

WHEREAS, the Library District's primary funding source is the regular property tax levy; and

WHEREAS, Washington State law limits annual growth in regular property tax revenues to one percent unless voters approve additional taxing authority; and

WHEREAS, if the measure is approved, the library levy rate would be set to \$0.35 per \$1,000 of assessed property value; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Timberland Regional Library District adopted Resolution No. 26-002 on July 22, 2026, to submit to the qualified voters of Grays Harbor, Lewis, Mason, Pacific and Thurston counties, at a general election to be held on November 3, 2026, a proposition with the following ballot title:

Timberland Regional Library District
Proposition No. 1

Regular Property Tax Levy Lid Lift for Library Services,
Operations and Maintenance

The Timberland Regional Library District's Board of Trustees adopted Resolution No. 26-002 concerning a proposed increase of the District's regular levy rate.

If approved, this proposition would restore the District's regular property tax levy rate for library services, operations, and maintenance from \$0.22 to \$0.35 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation for both 2027 and 2028, subject to applicable limitations. The resulting 2028 levy dollar amount would be used for the purpose of computing subsequent levy limitations under chapter 84.55 RCW.

Should this proposition be approved?

____ Yes

____ No

WHEREAS, the City Council of Tumwater believes that maintaining strong library services contributes positively to the quality of life enjoyed by Tumwater residents; and

WHEREAS, prior to taking action on this resolution, the City of Tumwater provided an opportunity for those supporting and opposing the measure to provide testimony at its September 15, 2026, City Council meeting; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that it is in the best interest of Tumwater residents and the City to express its collective position in support of the Timberland Regional Library District Proposition No. 1, Regular Property Tax Levy Lid Lift for Library Services, Operations and Maintenance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TUMWATER AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The City of Tumwater City Council supports the Timberland Regional Library District Proposition No. 1 Regular Property Tax Levy Lid Lift for Library Services, Operations and Maintenance which will be presented to voters on the November 3, 2026, General Election Ballot.

Section 2. Ratification. Any act consistent with the authority and prior to the effective date of this Resolution is hereby ratified and affirmed.

Section 3. Severability. The provisions of this Resolution are declared separate and severable. The invalidity of any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, section, or portion of this Resolution or the invalidity of the application thereof to any person or circumstance, shall not affect the validity of the remainder of the Resolution, or the validity of its application to other persons or circumstances.

Section 4. Effective Date. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption and signature as provided by law.

RESOLVED this 15th day of September 2026.

CITY OF TUMWATER

Leatta Dahlhoff, Mayor

ATTEST:

Melody Valiant, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Karen Kirkpatrick, City Attorney