

TO: Tumwater Metropolitan Park District
FROM: Shelly Carter, Assistant Finance Director
DATE: November 19, 2024
SUBJECT: Resolution No. TMPD 2024-001, Ad Valorem for Regular Property Taxes for the Fiscal Year 2025

1) Recommended Action:

Adopt Resolution No. TMPD 2024-001, A RESOLUTION relating to tax revenue of the TMPD fixing the regular property tax levy for the TMPD, for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2025.

2) Background:

This action is necessary to set the 2025 property tax levy for the TMPD. An approved Resolution must be forwarded to the Thurston County Assessor's Office along with the levy certification by November 30, 2024, in order to set the tax levy for 2025 and, therewith, the tax rate.

The voters approved the creation of the TMPD in the November 6, 2018, general election. The maximum levy available is \$.75 per \$1,000 of valuation. The election was conducted with the promise to voters that the tax rate would not exceed \$.45 per \$1,000 of Assessed Value (AV) for five years, which ended December 31, 2024. For 2025, a levy increase of one percent (1%) results in an increase of \$32,501. Additionally, the TMPD is using its banked capacity of \$1,167,671 that was held for the first five years, which will generate approximately \$3,302,315, plus taxes from new construction and administrative adjustments by the Thurston County Assessor. The assessed value is \$6.743 billion.

Since the valuations are not finalized, the levy stated in Resolution R TMPD 2024-001 is estimated. The final assessed value is certified by the Thurston County Assessor and Washington State Department of Revenue in early January 2025.

3) Policy Support:

- Strategic Goals and Priorities: Fiscally responsible and develop sustainable financial strategies.
 - Vision Mission Beliefs-Excellence: Efficient stewards of public resources, building public trust through transparency.
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4) Alternatives:

- Do not pass the Resolution and lose the opportunity to levy property taxes for collection in 2025.
 - Change the levy increase to something less than stated above.
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5) Fiscal Notes:

This resolution sets the property tax levy for the TMPD for the 2025 fiscal year to fund new programs. In the first year, the levy was set at the rate of \$.45 per \$1,000 of AV with a banked capacity for the unused levy up to \$.75 per \$1,000 of AV. This limit was set to be held for the first five years, ending December 31, 2024. In subsequent years, the rate is subject to the 101% maximum increase or the IPD rate whichever is lower. The exception is when using the banked capacity, which is being used in full in the 2025 levy.

6) Attachments:

- A. Exhibit A – Resolution No. TMPD 2024-001 Ad Valorem for Regular Property Taxes for the Fiscal Year 2025