

ORDINANCE NO. O2024-003

AN ORDINANCE of the City Council of the City of Tumwater, Washington, amending Chapter 3.36 of the Tumwater Municipal Code, adding a new section, 3.36.070, to establish a new Public Safety Sales Tax fund.

WHEREAS, the Thurston County voters passed Proposition 1, Sales and Use Tax for Law Enforcement Protection, Corresponding Prosecution and Public Defense Services, and Election Security, in November 2023, in accordance with RCW 82.14.450, imposing an additional sales and use tax at a rate of two tenths of one percent (0.2%) in Thurston County; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to RCW 82.14.450 sixty percent (60%) of the tax collected must be retained by the County and forty percent (40%) must be shared with Thurston County cities, including the City of Tumwater, on a per capita basis; and

WHEREAS, the tax is restricted by law to be used to support criminal justice purposes as defined by RCW 82.14.340, fire protection services, or a combination thereof; and

WHEREAS, all money received shall not be used to supplant funding for any ongoing programs and/or services; and

WHEREAS, one of the City's strategic goals is to refine and sustain a great organization; and

WHEREAS, the City's strategic objectives are to be fiscally responsible and develop sustainable financial strategies; and

WHEREAS, adding a new fund to separately account for the new revenue will help to ensure compliance and increase transparency.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TUMWATER, STATE OF WASHINGTON, DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. A new section 3.36.070, Public Safety Sales Tax Fund, is hereby added to the Tumwater Municipal Code as follows:

3.36.070 Public Safety Sales Tax Fund

- A. There is established a fund to be known as the “Public Safety Sales Tax Fund,” into which shall be deposited all monies received from a portion of sales and use tax collected pursuant to Thurston County Proposition 1, approved by voters November 2023.
- B. The fund is to be used for the expenditures for salaries, wages, contracts, audits, capital projects, and operations required for criminal justice and fire protection services as defined in RCW 82.14.340 and RCW 82.14.450.
- C. The fund shall be administered by the finance director in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

Section 2. Corrections. The City Clerk and codifiers of this ordinance are authorized to make necessary corrections to this ordinance including, but not limited to, the correction of scrivener/clerical errors, references, ordinance numbering, section/subsection numbers and any references thereto.

Section 3. Ratification. Any act consistent with the authority and prior to the effective date of this ordinance is hereby ratified and affirmed.

Section 4. Severability. The provisions of this ordinance are declared separate and severable. The invalidity of any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, section, or portion of this ordinance or the invalidity of the application thereof to any person or circumstance, shall not affect the validity of the remainder of the ordinance, or the validity of its application to other persons or circumstances.

Section 5. Effective Date. This ordinance shall become effective five (5) days after passage, approval and publication as provided by law.

ADOPTED this 21st day of May, 2024.

CITY OF TUMWATER

Debbie Sullivan, Mayor

ATTEST:

Melody Valiant, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Karen Kirkpatrick, City Attorney

Published:_____

Effective Date:_____