

TO: City Council  
FROM: Troy Niemeyer, Finance Director  
DATE: May 21, 2024  
SUBJECT: Ordinance No. O2024-003 Establishing a new fund "Public Safety Sales Tax"

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1) Recommended Action:

Adopt Ordinance No. O2024-003 to establish a new fund for the new Public Safety Sales Tax.

The General Government Committee recommended this item be placed on the consent calendar at its regular meeting on May 8, 2024.

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2) Background:

In November 2023 Thurston County voters passed Proposition 1, a ballot initiative that imposed a 0.2% sales tax on all taxable sales in Thurston County. The funds are restricted by law to be used for public safety purposes. Accounting for the money in a separate fund helps to ensure compliance with state law and transparency to the public for this new revenue stream.

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3) Policy Support:

Be fiscally responsible and develop sustainable financial strategies.

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4) Alternatives:

Do not approve the new fund. However, that is not a fiscally responsible alternative.

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5) Fiscal Notes:

There is no cost to establish this fund.

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6) Attachments:

A. Ordinance No. O2024-003.