

TO: City Council  
FROM: Lisa Parks, City Administrator  
DATE: October 17, 2023  
SUBJECT: Public Hearing: Thurston County Proposition 1 Public Safety Tax

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1) Recommended Action:

Conduct a public hearing to receive information and input on the Thurston County Proposition 1 Public Safety Tax ballot measure.

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2) Background:

Representatives of Thurston County will attend this public hearing to provide information on the proposition being put before the voters of the County during the upcoming General Election. This proposition seeks to authorize an additional two-tenths of one percent sales and use tax to be used for law enforcement protection, corresponding prosecution and public defense services and for elections security. If approved by voters, RCW 82.14.450 requires all money received be shared between the county and cities as follows: 60% is retained by the County and 40% is distributed on a per capita basis to the cities in the County.

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3) Policy Support:

This agenda item is for informational purposes and to provide an opportunity for the public to comment on the proposition.

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4) Alternatives:

No action is proposed for this item, it is informational, only

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5) Fiscal Notes:

If passed by voters, the additional sales and use tax would mean additional revenue would come to the City to support criminal justice, police, fire protection services or a combination thereof, as authorized by the RCW.

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6) Attachments:

A. Thurston County Voter's Pamphlet