



RESOLUTION NO. 8032

A RESOLUTION of the City of Everett supporting City of Everett Proposition 1, placed on the ballot by the City Council through the passage of Resolution 8021, concerning public safety and essential public services.

WHEREAS,

1. On May 1, 2024, the Everett City Council approved the submission of a proposition to the August 6, 2024 primary election; and
2. As provided in Section 3 of Everett Resolution 8021, the ballot title for Proposition No. 1 will read as follows:

City of Everett, Washington

Proposition 1

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Public Safety and Essential Public Services

The City Council has adopted Resolution 8021 concerning funding for quality of life and essential public services.

If approved, this proposition would authorize a maximum regular property tax rate in 2025 of not more than \$2.19/\$1,000 assessed value. The incremental increase in 2025 would fund essential public services, including park maintenance, libraries, animal shelter, street maintenance, neighborhood groups, social services, the arts, events and public safety, all as described in the Resolution. The 2025 maximum levy amount would be the basis to calculate subsequent levy limits. Qualifying seniors, veterans, and others would be exempt (Ch. 84.36 RCW).

Should this proposition be ☐ Approved? ☐ Rejected?

3. in compliance with RCW 42.17 A.555, the public meeting notice included the title and number of the City of Everett's Proposition No. 1 measure and members of the public were given equal opportunity to express opposing views on the measure; and
4. The City Council has worked for two decades to address growing budget deficits caused largely by a 1% cap in property tax increases passed by the Washington State legislature in 2007, while demand for city services continues to grow and city costs for providing those services increase at least 4% each year which exceeds the 1% tax cap, and

5. The City has made reductions year after year in order to minimize impacts to services including finding efficiencies, ensuring the most responsible use of all tax revenues, deferring investments in capital projects, workforce layoffs and elimination of vacant positions, encouraging early retirements, deferring payments to reserve funds, shuttering beloved services, eliminating recreational programs, and so much more, and
6. After streamlining, cutting, and finding efficiencies in every possible area of operations, further cuts to meet a balanced budget will be detrimental to our quality of life and will have broad impacts on city services, including impacts on economic development, public safety, park maintenance, libraries, the animal shelter, street maintenance, neighborhood groups, social services, the arts and events, and
7. Without approval of Proposition 1, the Mayor and City Council will need to identify substantial cuts year after year including \$12.6 million in cuts for the 2025 budget, growing to an additional projected \$35 million in cuts needed in 2030, and
8. The Mayor and City Council understands that funding public safety and essential public services is essential for a strong, safe community and that funding is required for these services;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND EVERETT CITY COUNCIL THAT:

That the Mayor and City Council of the City of Everett hereby expresses its support for the City of Everett Proposition No. 1, authorizing the City of Everett to fund essential public services, including park maintenance, libraries, animal shelter, street maintenance, neighborhood groups, social services, the arts, events and public safety through a property tax levy, and encourages voters to approve Proposition No. 1 at the primary election to be held on August 6, 2024.



Councilmember introducing Resolution

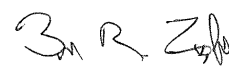
Passed and approved this 29th day of May, 2024.



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