

RESOLUTION NO. 492

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SHORELINE, WASHINGTON, PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF SHORELINE AT THE NOVEMBER 8, 2022 GENERAL ELECTION OF A PROPOSITION AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO INCREASE ITS REGULAR PROPERTY TAX LEVY ABOVE THE LIMIT OTHERWISE ALLOWED BY RCW 84.55.010 TO FUND PUBLIC SAFETY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES; SETTING FORTH THE BALLOT PROPOSITION; DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO CERTIFY TO THE KING COUNTY AUDITOR THIS RESOLUTION FOR THE AUDITOR TO PLACE THE PROPOSITION ON THE NOVEMBER 8, 2022 BALLOT; AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER MATTERS PROPERLY RELATED THERETO.

WHEREAS, the City of Shoreline (the "City") is an optional code city, located in King County, Washington, duly organized and existing pursuant to the laws of the State of Washington; and

WHEREAS, the City is authorized to levy a permanent regular property tax not to exceed the rate of \$1.60 per \$1,000 of assessed value permitted by statute; and

WHEREAS, RCW 84.55.005 - .0101 limits the incremental increase in property tax revenues to the City to a rate that has been less than the actual rate of inflation for the costs of providing services to the citizens of the City, causing total projected budget deficits over the next six years of over \$22.9 million despite cost saving measures and efficiencies in City government; and

WHEREAS, the City's regular property tax levy rate was \$1.39 per \$1,000 assessed valuation in 2017, that rate has fallen to \$1.13 per \$1,000 assessed valuation in 2022 and that rate is projected to fall further in 2023; and

WHEREAS, RCW 84.55.050 authorizes the voters of a City to permit the levy of taxes in excess of the levy limitations in RCW 84.55.010; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to address these ongoing deficits by allowing the electors to approve or reject a proposition under RCW 84.55.050(2), authorizing the City Council to levy the City's regular property tax in an amount that exceeds the incremental limit factor that would otherwise be prescribed by RCW 84.55.010; and

WHEREAS, to fund a portion of the cost of the basic public safety programs and to fund a portion of the cost of maintaining and operating community services, the proposition should authorize: 1) an increase in the City's regular property tax levy by up to a total rate not to exceed of \$1.39 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation for collection in 2023; 2) an increase in the regular property tax levy by the June to June Seattle/Tacoma/Bremerton CPI-U annual inflation rate for

each of the succeeding five (5) years; and 3) use of the dollar amount of the 2028 levy for calculating subsequent levy limits;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SHORELINE, WASHINGTON, HEREBY RESOLVES:

Section 1. Election Requested. Pursuant to RCW 84.55.050(2), an election is hereby requested to be called, conducted, and held within the City of Shoreline on November 8, 2022, for the purpose of submitting to the qualified voters of the City, for their ratification or rejection, a proposition approving a six (6) year increase in the City's regular property tax levy exceeding the limit factor provided in RCW 84.55.005-.0101 to fund a portion of the cost of basic public safety programs and to fund a portion of the cost of maintaining and operating community services as more specifically described in Section 2 below. The public safety programs and community services to be funded with the levy include, but are not limited to, providing police and neighborhood public safety services, including RADAR and crime prevention; preserving parks, trails, playgrounds/playfields; and providing human services.

Section 2. Proposition. The proposition shall propose an increase in the City's regular property tax levy by up a total rate not to exceed \$1.39 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation for collection in 2023. The proposal shall also authorize an increase in the levy limit factor as allowed by chapter 84.55 RCW for each of the five (5) succeeding years (2024-2028) by the inflation rate of the Consumer Price Index for all Urban Consumers for the Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton Area published for June. Finally, the proposition shall authorize the use of the dollar amounts of the 2028 levy for the base in computing the maximum levy that may be imposed in years after 2028.

The City Council shall determine the basic public safety programs and to fund a portion of the cost of maintaining and operating community services to be funded as well as the timing, order and manner of funding these programs and services. The City Council shall determine the application of moneys available for these programs and services, including the final funding amount for each, so as to accomplish, as nearly as may be, the programs and services described. If the City Council, by ordinance, shall determine that it has become impractical to fund any portion of the planned programs or services by reason of changed conditions, including without limitation due to costs substantially in excess of the amount of tax levies and other City funds estimated to be available, the City shall not be required to fund such portions. If all of the planned programs and services have been duly provided for, or found to be impractical, the City may apply the levy proceeds (including earnings thereon) or any portion thereof to other City purposes as the Council, by ordinance and in its discretion, shall determine.

Section 3. Certification of Proposition. The City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed, not later than August 2, 2022, prior to the general election date requested hereunder, to certify the proposition to the King County Department of Elections, as *ex-officio* supervisor of elections in King County, Washington, in substantially the following form:

CITY OF SHORELINE PROPOSITION 1

**MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS LEVY
FOR PUBLIC SAFETY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES**

The Shoreline City Council adopted Resolution No. 492 concerning a property tax levy for public safety and community services. If approved, this proposition restores Shoreline’s levy rate to help fund police/neighborhood services, including RADAR and crime prevention; preserves parks, trails, playgrounds/playfields; and provides human services.

This proposition sets Shoreline’s maximum regular property tax rate to \$1.39/\$1,000 for collection in 2023; sets the limit factor for levy increases in 2024-2028 at 100% plus annual inflation (Seattle CPI-U); uses the 2028 levy amount to calculate subsequent levy limits; and exempts qualifying seniors and persons with disabilities per RCW 84.36.381.

Should this proposition be approved?

YES[]

NO[]

Section 4. Authority to Adjust. The City Manager and City Attorney are authorized to make such minor adjustments to the wording of such proposition as may be recommended by the King County Department of Elections, so long as the intent of the proposition remains consistent with the intent of this Resolution.

Section 5. Exemption. If the ballot proposition set forth herein is approved by the voters, as authorized by RCW 84.36.381, qualifying senior citizens, disabled veterans, and other people with disabilities (as defined in RCW 84.36.381) shall be exempt from the tax increase resulting from such levy lid lift.

Section 6. Voters’ Pamphlet. The preparation and distribution of a local voters’ pamphlet providing information on the foregoing ballot measure is hereby authorized. The pamphlet shall include an explanatory statement and arguments advocating approval and disapproval of the ballot measure, if any. In accordance with RCW 29A.32.280, the arguments advocating approval and rejection of the ballot measure shall be prepared by committees appointed by the City Council. Each committee shall be composed of not more than three persons; however, a committee may seek the advice of any person or persons. The committee advocating approval shall be composed of persons known to favor the ballot measure, and the committee advocating rejection shall be composed of persons known to oppose the ballot measure.

Section 7. King County Elections. The King County Department of Elections, as the City’s *ex officio* supervisor of elections, is hereby requested to call and conduct said election on November 8, 2022, and submit to the qualified electors of the City the proposition set forth herein. The King Department of Elections shall conduct the election, canvas the vote, and certify the results in the manner provided by law.

Section 8. Severability. If any one or more sections, subsections, or sentences of this Resolution are held to be unconstitutional or invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion of this Resolution and the same shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 9. Effective Date. This Resolution shall take effect and be in full force immediately upon passage by the City Council.

ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL ON JULY 18, 2022.



Keith Scully, Mayor

ATTEST:

Wendyl Hardy, Deputy City Clerk

On behalf of _____
Jessica Simulcik Smith
City Clerk