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April 6, 2026

Kitsap County Auditor  
Elections Division  
619 Division Street, MS-31  
Port Orchard, WA 98366

RE: Certification of Resolution No. 3409

Dear Kitsap County Auditor:

Enclosed is a certified copy of Resolution No. 3409 from the City of Bremerton. This resolution places a proposition before Bremerton voters at the August 4, 2026 election.

Also enclosed is the Explanatory Statement for Proposition No. 1 Public Safety and Governmental Services Levy for the voters' pamphlet.

The City is still working on appointing committees to prepare arguments for and against the measure. We will submit those names to your office before the May 1, 2026 deadline.

Please confirm receipt of these materials and let us know if anything further is needed.

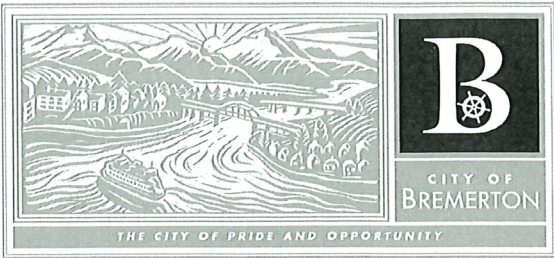
Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Angela Hoover'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Angela Hoover, MMC, CPRO  
City Clerk  
City of Bremerton

Enclosures

Certified Copy of Resolution No. 3409  
Explanatory Statement for Proposition No. 1



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STATE OF WASHINGTON }  
COUNTY OF KITSAP } SS

I certify that this is a true and correct copy of City of Bremerton Resolution No. 3409 adopted by Bremerton City Council on April 1, 2026 and effective April 13, 2026.

Dated:

April 6, 2026  
Angela Hoover  
(Signature of notary public)



City Clerk  
(Title of office)

My commission expires:

09/08/2027  
(date)

**RESOLUTION NO. 3409**

**A RESOLUTION** of the City Council of the City of Bremerton, Washington, providing for the submission to the qualified electors of the City of Bremerton at a special election to be held in conjunction with the state primary election on August 4, 2026 of a proposition authorizing the City to increase its regular property tax levy above the limit established in chapter 84.55 RCW to provide for the continual provision of public safety and other governmental services, including funding for firefighting equipment, staffing, and facilities, in order to better serve and protect the community; setting forth the ballot title therefore; requesting that the Kitsap County Auditor place the proposition on the August 4, 2026 ballot; and fixing the time when the same shall become effective.

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Bremerton, Washington (the "City") desires to provide for the continual provision of public safety and other governmental services, including providing for firefighting equipment, staffing, and facilities;

WHEREAS, the City's regular property tax levy is a major source of general fund revenue paying for the costs of the City's general government services, including public safety services and other governmental services;

WHEREAS, the costs of providing such City services have increased over time due to economic inflation and growth in the City, yet the City's regular property tax levy has not kept pace with inflation and growth;

WHEREAS, to provide for the foregoing, the City needs additional funds to supplement existing City general fund revenue which is applied for these purposes;

WHEREAS, the City's current regular property tax levy is \$1.47 per \$1,000 of assessed value, which is \$1.905 per \$1,000 of assessed value less than what is statutorily authorized;

WHEREAS, RCW 84.55.050 provides for the levy of regular property taxes in an amount exceeding the limitations specified in chapter 84.55 RCW if such increased levy is authorized by a ballot proposition approved by a majority of the voters at an election held within the taxing district (a "levy lid lift");

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that it is in the best interest of the City and its residents to submit a levy lid lift proposition under RCW 84.55.050(1) to the voters for their approval or rejection; and

NOW THEREFORE, the City of Bremerton does ordain as follows:

**SECTION 1. Call for Election.** Pursuant to RCW 84.55.050, the Bremerton City Council hereby calls for the submission of a proposition to the qualified electors of the City asking whether the City shall levy regular property taxes in excess of the limitation established in RCW 84.55.010. The Kitsap County Auditor, as *ex officio* supervisor of elections in Kitsap County, is hereby requested to call and conduct a special election in the City in conjunction with the primary election on August 4, 2026, for the levy lid lift as further described in Section 2.

**SECTION 2. Description of Levy Lid Lift.** The proposition to be submitted to the qualified voters of the City for their approval or rejection is to authorize an increase in the City's regular property tax levy by \$0.48 per \$1,000 of assessed value, to a total regular property tax levy rate of \$1.95 per \$1,000 of assessed value, for collection beginning on January 1, 2027. The additional regular property taxes authorized by the proposition would be subject to the exemption for qualifying seniors, veterans, and others in RCW 84.36.381. The dollar amount of the levy in 2027 would be used for the purpose of computing the limitations on subsequent levies provided for under chapter 84.55 RCW. If approved, the levy lid lift would provide for the continual provision of public safety services, including funding for firefighting equipment, fire department staffing, and facilities, and other governmental services.

**SECTION 3. Ballot Proposition.** The City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed, not later than May 1, 2026, to certify a proposition to the Kitsap County Auditor, as *ex officio* supervisor of elections in Kitsap County, Washington, in substantially the following form:

CITY OF BREMERTON

PROPOSITION NO. I

PUBLIC SAFETY AND GOVERNMENTAL SERVICES LEVY

The Bremerton City Council adopted Resolution \_\_\_ concerning property taxes for public safety and governmental services. If approved, this proposition would fund City services, including firefighting equipment, staffing, and facilities. It would increase the City's regular property tax rate by \$0.48 to a total authorized rate of \$1.95 per \$1,000 of assessed value for collection in 2027. The 2027 levy amount would be used to calculate subsequent levies. Should this proposition be approved?

YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

**SECTION 4. Changes.** The Mayor and City Attorney are authorized to make such minor adjustments to the wording of such proposition as may be recommended by the Kitsap County Auditor, as long as the intent of the proposition remains clear and consistent with the intent of this resolution as approved by the City Council.

**SECTION 5. Notices Relating to Ballot Proposition.** For purposes of receiving notice of the exact language of the ballot proposition required by RCW 29A.36.080, the City Council hereby designates the City Clerk.

**SECTION 6. Corrections.** The City Clerk and the Clerk’s delegees are authorized to make necessary corrections to this resolution including, but not limited to, the correction of scrivener, clerical, typographical, and spelling errors, references, resolution numbering, section/subsection numbers and any references thereto.

**SECTION 7. 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 8. Effective Date.** This resolution shall take effect and be in force ten (10) days from and after its passage, approval and publication as provided by law.

PASSED by the City Council the 1st day of April, 2026.

Signed by:  
Jane Rebelowski  
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JANE REBELOWSKI, Council President

Approved this 2nd day of April, 2026.

Signed by:  
Greg Wheeler  
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GREG WHEELER, Mayor

ATTEST:

Signed by:  
Angela Hoover  
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ANGELA HOOVER, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Signed by:  
Kylie Finnell  
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KYLIE J. FINNELL, City Attorney

PUBLISHED the 3rd day of April, 2026.

EFFECTIVE the 13th day of April, 2026.

RESOLUTION NO. 3409.

**THE CITY OF BREMERTON  
PROPOSITION NO. 1  
PUBLIC SAFETY AND GOVERNMENTAL SERVICES LEVY  
EXPLANATORY STATEMENT**

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