

RESOLUTION NO. 3379

A RESOLUTION of the City Council of the City of Bremerton, Washington setting forth a property tax levy to fund emergency medical services for submission to the voters of the City for approval and ratification or rejection at the primary election to be held on August 6, 2024.

WHEREAS, it is deemed necessary to the public health, safety and welfare that the City of Bremerton (the "City") provide emergency medical care and emergency medical treatment to its citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Fire Department of the City of Bremerton is in need of monetary funds for present and future funding to continue its emergency medical services; and

WHEREAS, the City currently has a six (6) year emergency medical services levy, and the levy rate has fallen from \$0.50 per \$1,000 of assessed value to \$0.37 per \$1,000 of assessed value; and

WHEREAS, a property tax levy would perpetuate and enhance the Bremerton emergency medical services program by funding personnel costs, training and related equipment, supplies, vehicles, and structures needed for the provision of such care or services not including the costs of transportation to and from medical treatment facilities; and

WHEREAS, RCW 84.52.069 provides for the levy of regular property taxes in an amount not to exceed \$0.50 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation if such increased levy is for six years or less, replaces a levy and is authorized by a ballot proposition approved by a majority of the voters at an election held within the taxing district; and

WHEREAS, in order to replace the current levy that expires in 2025, the City Council has determined that it is in the best interest of the City and its residents to submit a proposition under RCW 84.52.069(2) to the voters for their approval or rejection; NOW THEREFORE,

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BREMERTON, WASHINGTON, DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Purpose and Description of Ballot Proposition. For the purposes identified below, the Council seeks voter approval under RCW 84.52.069(2) for a regular property tax levy, as follows:

(a) Purpose. The amounts collected in 2025 through 2030 pursuant to the increase authorized shall be used solely to provide medical care and emergency services in the City.

(b) Maximum Levy Rate Authorized in 2025-30. The proposition would authorize a regular property tax levy of \$0.50 or less per \$1,000 of assessed value for levy beginning in 2020 through 2025 and to be collected in 2025 through 2030. If the proposition passes, the City will levy the tax to be collected in 2025 under this new proposition and not under the proposition approved in 2019.

SECTION 2. Calling of Election and Ballot Proposition. The Auditor of Kitsap County, Washington (the "Auditor"), as ex officio supervisor of elections, is hereby requested to call and conduct an election in the City, to be held in conjunction with the primary election on August 6, 2024, and to submit to the voters of the City a proposition in substantially the following form.

**THE CITY OF BREMERTON
PROPOSITION NO. 1
EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE AND SERVICES TAX LEVY**

The City Council of the City of Bremerton adopted Resolution No. ___ concerning a regular property tax levy under chapter 84.52 RCW. Will the City be authorized to impose regular property tax levies of \$0.50 or less per \$1,000 of assessed valuation for each of six consecutive years (2025-2030) to continue financing emergency medical care and services?

Yes _____

No _____

SECTION 3. 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 Council designates the City Clerk (or his/her designee) as the individual to whom such notice should be provided.

SECTION 4 Authorization to Deliver Resolution and Perform Other Necessary Duties. The City Clerk is authorized and directed, no later than May 10, 2024, to certify a copy of this Resolution to the Auditor and to perform such other duties as are necessary or required by law to the end that the proposition described herein should appear on the ballot at the general election identified in Section 2 of this resolution.

SECTION 5. Local Voters' Pamphlet Authorized. The preparation and distribution of a local voters' pamphlet providing information on this ballot proposition is hereby authorized. The pamphlet shall include arguments advocating approval and disapproval of the ballot proposition. In accordance with RCW 29A.32.280 or with rules of the County Auditor, committees to prepare arguments advocating approval and disapproval of the measure shall be appointed by Fire Chief. Each committee shall be composed of not more than three persons, and the committee advocating approval shall be composed of persons known to favor the ballot proposition and the committee advocating disapproval shall be composed of persons known to oppose the ballot proposition. The City Clerk is authorized to post publicly and accept nominations for the pro and con committees, and if more than three individuals are nominated for either side, to

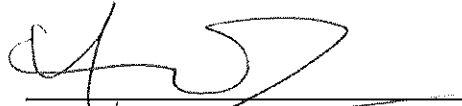
select the committees by randomly drawing three names from each pool of nominations. Names of committee members so selected shall be forwarded to the appropriate County officials.

SECTION 6. Severability. If any or 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 7. Changes. The City Attorney is authorized to make such minor adjustments to the wording of such proposition as deemed appropriate or as may be recommended by the Kitsap County Auditor and its Supervisor of Elections, as long as the intent of the proposition remains clear and as approved by the City Council.

SECTION 8. Effective Date. This Resolution shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage.

PASSED by the City Council of the City of Bremerton, Washington this 17 day of April, 2024.



JENNIFER CHAMBERLIN,
Council President

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

ATTEST:


KYLIE J. FINNELL, City Attorney
ANGELA HOOVER, City Clerk