

RESOLUTION 1305

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF GIG HARBOR, WASHINGTON, CALLING FOR A SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD IN THE CITY ON APRIL 23, 2024, FOR THE PURPOSE OF AUTHORIZING A SINGLE-YEAR, PERMANENT PROPERTY TAX LEVY LID LIFT STARTING IN 2025 TO PROVIDE FOR THE CONTINUAL PROVISION OF PUBLIC SAFETY, STREETS AND PARK MAINTENANCE, AND OTHER GOVERNMENTAL SERVICES; SETTING FORTH THE BALLOT TITLE THEREFORE; AND REQUESTING THAT THE PIERCE COUNTY AUDITOR PLACE THE PROPOSITION ON THE APRIL 23, 2024, BALLOT

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Gig Harbor, Washington desires to provide for the continual provision of public safety, streets and park maintenance, and other governmental services; and

WHEREAS, in order to sustain the foregoing at levels which meet the city's and community's expectations, the city is in need of additional funds to supplement existing city general fund revenue which is applied for these purposes; and

WHEREAS, the city's current regular property tax levy is \$0.70 per \$1,000 of assessed value, instead of the statutorily authorized amount of \$1.60 per \$1,000 of assessed value; and

WHEREAS, RCW 84.55.050 provides for the levy of regular property taxes in an amount exceeding the limitations specified in RCW Chapter 84.55 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"); and

WHEREAS, the city council has therefore determined to submit a proposition to the voters authorizing a single-year, permanent lid lift at a rate not to exceed \$1.10 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation at a special election to be held on April 23, 2024.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Gig Harbor:

Section 1. Call for Election on April 23, 2024. The Pierce County Auditor is hereby requested to place upon the special election ballot in the City of Gig Harbor on April 23, 2024, a proposition for the purpose of submitting to the qualified electors of the city, for their approval or rejection, a proposition approving a single-year, permanent increase in the city's regular property tax levy exceeding the limit factor provided in RCW 84.55.050, for collection in 2025, in order to provide for the provision of public safety, streets and park maintenance, and other governmental services within the city. Said question shall be in substantially the form set forth in Section 2 below and shall authorize the city to levy a single year, permanent increase to the City's existing tax levy

by \$0.40 per \$1,000 of assessed value, to a total regular property tax levy rate of \$1.10 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation for collection beginning in 2025. The levy amount for 2025 shall be used to calculate subsequent levy limits.

Section 2. Ballot Title and Proposition. The ballot title and proposition to be submitted to the voters shall be in substantially the following form:

**CITY OF GIG HARBOR PROPOSITION NO. 1
SINGLE -YEAR, PERMANENT LEVY LID LIFT**

This proposition pertains to a single year, permanent increase to the city's property tax levy to be used on public safety, streets and park maintenance, and other governmental services. This proposition would increase the city's regular property tax rate by \$0.40 to a total authorized rate of \$1.10 per \$1,000 of assessed value for collection in 2025 and annually thereafter. The 2025 levy would be used for subsequent levy limits.

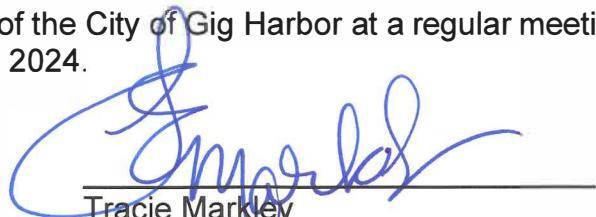
Should this proposition be approved?

____ YES
____ NO

Section 3. 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 Pierce 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 4. Local Voters' Pamphlet. The city attorney is directed to prepare and submit the explanatory statement for the ballot proposition as required. The arguments for and against the ballot proposition shall be prepared by the committees appointed by the city council pursuant to RCW 29A.32.280.

ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Gig Harbor at a regular meeting thereof, held this 12th day of February, 2024.



Tracie Markley
Mayor

Attest:



Joshua Stecker, CMC
City Clerk