

RESOLUTION 1307

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF GIG HARBOR, WASHINGTON, PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF GIG HARBOR AT AN ELECTION TO BE HELD ON AUGUST 6, 2024, OF A PROPOSITION AUTHORIZING AN INCREASE TO THE SALES AND USE TAX IN GIG HARBOR OF ONE-TENTH OF ONE PERCENT (0.1%) ON THE SELLING PRICE TO MAINTAIN AND ENHANCE FUNDING FOR POLICE SERVICES AND COMMUNITY SAFETY; SETTING FORTH THE TEXT OF THE BALLOT PROPOSITION; DIRECTING PROPER CITY OFFICIALS TO TAKE NECESSARY ACTION; AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER PROPERLY RELATED MATTERS

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Gig Harbor, Washington desires to provide for and enhance the continual provision of police and public safety 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, RCW 82.14.450(2) authorizes the city council to submit an authorizing proposition to the Gig Harbor voters at an election and, if the proposition is approved by a majority of persons voting, to impose an additional sales and use tax of up to one-tenth of one percent (0.1%) of the selling price in the case of a sales tax or the value of the article used in the case of a use tax, provided that one-third (1/3) of all money received must be used solely for criminal justice purposes; and

WHEREAS, RCW 82.14.450(1) also authorizes Washington counties to impose such a sales and use tax of up to three tenths (0.3%) of the selling price in the case of a sales tax, or value of the article used, in the case of a use tax; and

WHEREAS, RCW 82.14.450(2)(b) limits the combined rate of the sales taxes imposed under this section by a county and a city within that county to three tenths (0.3%) of the selling price total; and

WHEREAS, Pierce County has not imposed a sales and use tax under RCW 82.14.450, such that Gig Harbor is authorized to impose a sales and use tax of up to one-tenth of one percent (0.1%) of the selling price, if approved by the qualified electors of the City of Gig Harbor; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to RCW 82.14.340(4), one-third of all money received from this public safety sales tax must be used solely for criminal justice purposes; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to RCW 82.14.450(7), the City of Gig Harbor will be required to share 15% of tax proceeds received by the city pursuant to this action with the county;

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

Section 1. Purpose of Ballot Proposition. The city council determines it to be in the public interest to secure additional funding for existing and enhanced police and public safety services.

Section 2. Calling of Election. It is hereby found that the best interest of the inhabitants of Gig Harbor require the submission to the qualified electors of Gig Harbor for approval or rejection at the election to be held on August 6, 2024, of a proposition authorizing an additional sales and use tax of one-tenth of one percent (0.1%) on the selling price in the case of a sales tax, or the value of the article used in the case of a use tax, pursuant to RCW 82.14.150(2)(a).

Section 3. 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
ADDITIONAL SALES AND USE TAX FOR POLICE AND PUBLIC
SAFETY**

The Gig Harbor City Council adopted Resolution 1307 concerning a proposition to maintain and enhance funding for police services and community safety. If approved, this proposition would increase the sales and use tax rate by one-tenth of one percent (0.1%) to provide ongoing funding for public safety purposes permitted under RCW 82.14.450, such as providing adequate law enforcement staffing levels, reducing homelessness, and improving behavioral health. This increase would become effective in 2025.

Should this proposition be approved?

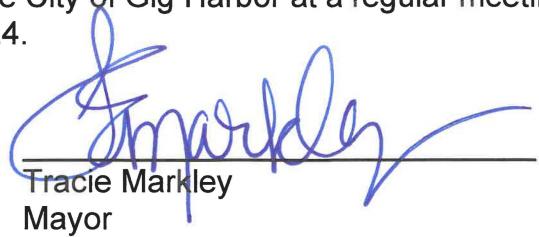
YES

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 26th day of February, 2024.



Tracie Markley
Mayor

Attest:



Joshua Stecker, CMC
City Clerk