

**CITY OF BUCKLEY, WASHINGTON**

**ORDINANCE NO. 15-16**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BUCKLEY, PIERCE COUNTY, WASHINGTON, PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY, AT AN ELECTION TO BE HELD WITHIN THE CITY ON NOVEMBER 8, 2016, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE STATE GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON THE SAME DATE, A PROPOSITION RE-AUTHORIZING A LEVY OF A REGULAR PROPERTY TAX IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED FIFTY CENTS (50¢) PER THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,000.00) OF THE TRUE AND ASSESSED VALUATION, IN ADDITION TO ITS REGULAR PROPERTY TAX LEVY, AS AUTHORIZED IN RCW 84.52.069, EACH YEAR FOR SIX CONSECUTIVE YEARS, TO BE LEVIED FIRST IN 2017, AND TO BE COLLECTED IN EACH YEAR SUCCEEDING THE YEAR OF THE LEVY. SAID LEVY SHALL PROVIDE FUNDS REQUIRED BY THE CITY FOR THE CONTINUED PROVISION OF BASIC AND ADVANCED EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE AND SERVICES, INCLUDING PERSONNEL COSTS, TRAINING FOR SUCH PERSONNEL, AND RELATED EQUIPMENT, SUPPLIES, VEHICLES AND STRUCTURES, PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE AND FIXING THE EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, RCW 84.52.069 authorizes cities to temporarily impose an additional regular property tax levy of up to fifty cents per one thousand dollars of assessed valuation in order to provide emergency medical care and services; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Buckley's voters approved a regular tax levy in 2010 in the amount equal to fifty cents per one thousand dollars of assessed value of property to augment the cost of emergency medical care and services; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2010 levy expires with the 2016 tax year; and

**WHEREAS**, a stable source of funds will ensure that emergency medical care and services can be continuously provided, and thus, will be in the best interest of the public health, safety and welfare; and

**WHEREAS**, in order for the City of Buckley to impose a temporary levy pursuant to RCW 84.52.069, it must obtain approval of the qualified voters of the City, and the City Council has therefore determined to submit a proposition to the qualified voters re-authorizing the levy at a rate not to exceed fifty cents per one thousand dollars of assessed valuation at the general election to be held on November 8, 2016; NOW, THEREFORE,

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BUCKLEY ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

**Section 1. Calling of Election.** The City Council requests that the Auditor of Pierce County, Washington, as the *ex officio* supervisor of elections, call and conduct an election in the City, in the manner provided by law, to be held therein on November 8, 2016, for the purpose of submitting to the qualified electors of the City for their approval or rejection, the question of whether or not a temporary additional regular property tax levy shall be made in 2016, for collection each year for six consecutive years beginning in 2017, a general tax on taxable property in the City in an amount of up to fifty cents per one thousand dollars of the true and assessed valuation of the City, in order to provide emergency medical care and services within the City.

**Section 2. Ballot Proposition.** The City Clerk is authorized and directed to certify, no later than August 2, 2016, to the Auditor, as *ex officio* supervisor of elections in the City, a copy of this ordinance and the proposition to be submitted at that election in the form of ballot title prepared by the City Attorney pursuant to RCW 29A.36.071, as follows:

**CITY OF BUCKLEY PROPOSITION NO. 1  
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES PROPERTY TAX LEVY**

Shall the City of Buckley be re-authorized to impose additional regular property tax levies of fifty cents (50¢) or less per thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) of assessed valuation for six consecutive years, with collection beginning in 2017, to continue providing basic and advanced emergency medical care and services?

YES .....   
NO .....

The City Administrator 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 as approved by the City Council

**Section 3. Use of Funds.** If the proposition set forth above is passed by the voters of the City, any and all funds generated as the result of the tax imposed shall be used only

for the provision of emergency medical care and emergency medical services, including related personnel costs, training for such personnel, and related equipment, supplies, vehicles and structures needed for the provision of emergency medical care and emergency medical services.

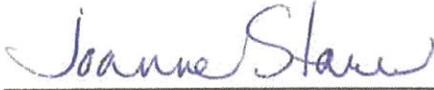
**Section 4. Severability.** If any provision of this ordinance is declared by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, then such provision shall be null and void and shall be severable from the remaining provisions of this ordinance, and shall in no way affect the validity of the other provisions of this ordinance.

**Section 5.** This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect upon passage and signatures hereon. A summary of this Ordinance may be published in lieu of publishing the Ordinance in its entirety.

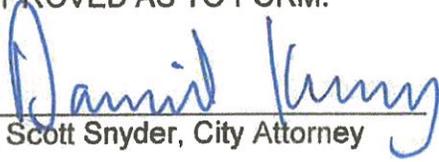
Introduced, passed, and approved this 10<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2016.

  
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Mayor Pat Johnson

ATTEST:

  
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Joanne Starr, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

*for*   
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W. Scott Snyder, City Attorney

PUBLISHED: May 18, 2016

EFFECTIVE: Immediately