

RESOLUTION NO. 641

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KALAMA PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF KALAMA AT AN ELECTION TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 8, 2016 IMPLEMENTING A SALES AND USE TAX INCREASE PURSUANT TO RCW 82.14.450 OF AN ADDITIONAL 0.1% FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSTRUCTING A NEW POLICE FACILITY.

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Kalama have found that after the flooding of 2015, in which the Police Station suffered extensive damages and was inaccessible for both personnel and the public, it be in the best interest to find a location for the facility that will better meet the public safety needs of the community;

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Kalama have been informed by the insurance carrier that they will only cover the value of the replacement costs of the previous facility, which will not cover the cost to relocate and build a new facility;

WHEREAS, the City Council believes that adequate public safety is vital for the community and the Police must have the tools and facility they need to protect the community as it continues to grow;

WHEREAS the City Council recognizes that the cost of new facility will exceed any reserve balance currently held and will need to be financed to be completed;

WHEREAS, the City Council believes that to meet all the needs of the growing residential and commercial community it would not be possible to meet the financial obligation that will be imposed for a new facility with current revenue sources, a new revenue source will be required;

WHEREAS, RCW.14.450 gives the City the authority to submit an authorizing proposition to the voters to impose a .1% sales and use tax to be used for public safety needs of the community;

WHEREAS, the City Council, as the legislative body for the City of Kalama must formally place the ballot measure before the voters along with an Explanatory Statement and "For" and "Against" statements;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Kalama that the City of Kalama adopts the following:

SECTION 1: The City Council hereby finds and declares Proposition 1 be placed on the ballot for the General Election on November 8, 2016 is in the best interest of the City and its citizens to **implement a 0.1% sales and use tax which if approved, this proposition would authorize the City to fix and impose an additional sales and use**

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tax of 0.1%, split between the City (85%) and Cowlitz County (15%). City proceeds shall be used to construct and equip a new police facility.

SECTION 2: The City Council of the City of Kalama authorizes a ballot measure as described in Section 3 to be placed on the ballot for the general election to be held on November 8, 2016 and requesting the Cowlitz County Auditor to place the issue on said ballot and conduct the said election;

SECTION 3: The City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to certify the following proposition to the Cowlitz County Auditor in substantially the following form, not less than 45 days prior to the election.

**City of Kalama
Proposition #1
Sales/Use Tax Increase of 0.1% for a New Police Facility.**

If approved, this proposition would authorize the City of Kalama to fix and impose an additional sales and use tax of 0.1%, split between the City (85%) and Cowlitz County (15%). Proceeds shall be used to construct and equip a new police facility.

Should Proposition #1 be

Approved.....
Rejected.....

Explanatory Statement

The City Council of the City of Kalama adopted Resolution No. 641 concerning a sales and use tax increase pursuant to RCW 82.14.450. If approved, this proposition would authorize the City to fix and impose an additional sales and use tax of 0.1%, split between the City (85%) and Cowlitz County (15%). City proceeds shall be used to construct and equip a new police facility

Be it further resolved this resolution will take effect upon its passage.

Passed by the City Council of the City of Kalama at a regular meeting held on July 20, 2016.

Pete Poulsen, Mayor

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ATTEST:

Coni McMaster, Clerk/Treasurer

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