

RESOLUTION NO. 2007-10

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF ISSAQUAH, WASHINGTON, IN SUPPORT
OF KING COUNTY VOTE FOR THE MENTAL
HEALTH SUBSTANCE ABUSE SALES TAX**

WHEREAS, the Task Force on Regional Human Services, appointed by King County Executive Sims, found that the gap in funding for much needed county-wide community health and human services is \$83.1 million dollars; and

WHEREAS, the current tax structure of King County has statutory limitations inhibiting the growth of revenue, so that annual increases in costs are exceeding potential increase in funding; and

WHEREAS, a new dedicated funding source is needed to raise revenue; and

WHEREAS, the King County Council has the authority granted under state law RCW 82.14.460 to enact a 0.1 percent county wide sales tax increase for mental health and substance abuse services by county council vote; and

WHEREAS, a sales tax increase will raise an estimated \$48 million and will reduce the regional funding gap for essential programs and services for the homeless, mental health, and substance abuse diversion, transition services for high risk youth and adults in the criminal justice system, and other counseling and supportive services; and

WHEREAS, the Healthy Families and Communities Task Force recommended the King County Council approve the mental Health and Substance Abuse Sales Tax by December 2007; NOW THEREFORE,

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ISSAQUAH, WASHINGTON,
HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

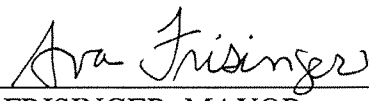
Section 1. The City Council supports the passing of a 0.1 percent sales tax increase for mental health and substance abuse, and submits this resolution urging the King County Council to enact the sales tax increase as recommended by the Healthy Families and Communities Task Force. Further, if implemented, the City Council urges King County Council to establish the appropriate benchmark measurements for oversight and success.

PASSED by the City Council this 6th day of August, 2007.



DAVID KAPPLER, COUNCIL PRESIDENT

APPROVED by the Mayor this 6th day of August, 2007.



AVA FRISINGER, MAYOR

ATTEST:



CHRISTINE L. EGGERS, CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

BY: 

CITY ATTORNEY

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