

**RESOLUTION NO. 307**

**A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF SHORELINE AT AN ELECTION TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 2, 2010 A PROPOSITION AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO INCREASE ITS REGULAR PROPERTY TAX LEVY ABOVE THE LIMIT ESTABLISHED IN RCW 84.55.010 TO FUND CURRENT LEVELS OF PUBLIC SAFETY, PARKS OPERATIONS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES**

WHEREAS, the City is authorized to levy a permanent regular property tax not to exceed the rate of \$1.60 per \$1,000 of assessed value permitted by statute and the current projected rate for 2011 is below this limit at \$1.20 per \$1000 of assessed valuation; and

WHEREAS, RCW 84.55.050 authorizes the voters of a City to permit the levy of taxes in excess of the levy limitations established in RCW 84.55.010; and

WHEREAS, Initiative 747 (codified in RCW 84.55.005 .0101) has limited the increase in property tax revenues to the City to a rate of 1%, a rate that has been less than the actual rate of inflation for the costs of providing services to the citizens of the City, causing total projected budget deficits over the next six years of over \$14 million despite sustained austerity measures and efficiencies in City government; and

WHEREAS, the City's regular property tax levy rate was \$1.60 per \$1000 assessed valuation in 2001 and that rate has fallen to \$1.12 per \$1000 assessed valuation in 2010; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to address these ongoing deficits by allowing the electors to approve or reject a proposition under RCW 84.55.050(2) authorizing the City Council to levy the City's regular property tax in an amount that exceeds the limit factor that would otherwise be prescribed by RCW 84.55.010; and

WHEREAS, to fund a portion of the cost of basic public safety programs, including crime prevention and jail costs, and to fund a portion of the cost of maintaining and operating parks and community services, the proposition should authorize 1) an increase in the City's regular property tax levy by up to an additional 28 cents per \$1,000 of assessed valuation for collection in 2011; 2) an increase in the regular property tax levy by the June to June Seattle/Tacoma/Bremerton CPI-U annual inflation rate for each of the succeeding five years; and 3) use of the 2016 levy amount for calculating subsequent levy limits.

WHEREAS, the proposition set forth above requires the holding of a special election in the City; now therefore

**THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SHORELINE, WASHINGTON,  
HEREBY RESOLVES:**

Section 1. Shoreline Proposition Pursuant to RCW 84.55.050(2) and RCW 29A.04.330, it is found to be in the best interest of the City of Shoreline to require the submission to the qualified voters of the City, for their ratification or rejection, a proposition approving a six-year increase in the City's regular property tax levy exceeding the limit factor provided in RCW 84.55.005 -.0101 to fund a portion of the cost of basic public safety programs, including jails and crime prevention, and to fund a portion of maintaining and operating parks, recreation, pool and community services. The proposition shall propose an increase in the City's regular property tax levy by up to twenty-eight (28) cents per \$1,000 of assessed valuation (to a total rate not to exceed \$1.48 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation) for collection in 2011. The proposition shall also authorize an increase in the levy limit factor as allowed by chapter 84.55 RCW for each of the five (5) succeeding years (2012-2016) by the inflation rate of the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers for the Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton Area (1982-84=100) published for June. Finally, the proposition shall authorize the use of the dollar amount of the 2016 levy for the base in computing the maximum levy that may be imposed in years after 2016.

Section 2. Special Election Requested. It is further found to be in the best interests of the City that an election be conducted and held within the City of Shoreline on Tuesday, November 2, 2010 for submission to the qualified electors of the City the proposition specified in Section 1 for approval or rejection. The Director of Records, Elections and Licensing Services Division, as *ex officio* supervisor of elections in King County, Washington, is hereby requested to assume jurisdiction of and to call and conduct said special election. The City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed, not less than 84 days prior to such election date, to certify the proposition to the King County Records, Elections and Licensing Services Division in the following form: