

ORDINANCE NO. 4840

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ELLENSBURG, WASHINGTON, LEVYING PROPERTY TAXES FOR THE CITY OF ELLENSBURG FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING JANUARY 1, 2020, ON ALL PROPERTY IN SAID CITY WHICH IS SUBJECT TO TAXATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING SUFFICIENT REVENUE TO CARRY ON GENERAL OPERATIONS, RECOGNIZE VOTER APPROVED LEVIES AND PAY DEBT SERVICE OBLIGATIONS OF SAID CITY AS REQUIRED BY LAW.

WHEREAS, Chapter 35A.34 RCW provides the legislative body of any code city the authority by ordinance to elect to have a two-year fiscal biennium budget in lieu of an annual budget; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Ellensburg has met and considered its budget for 2019-2020 biennial budget pursuant to RCW 84.55.120; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to RCW 84.55.120, the City Council of the City of Ellensburg held a public hearing on November 4, 2019, to consider possible increases in property tax revenue for the calendar year 2020; and

WHEREAS, the City's actual levy amount from previous year was \$3,009,551.98; and

WHEREAS, the population of the city is more than 10,000,

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Ellensburg, Washington, do hereby ordain as follows:

**Section 1. General Tax Levy for 2020.** An increase in the regular property tax levy is hereby authorized for the levy to be collected in the 2020 tax year. The dollar amount of the increase over the actual levy amount from previous year shall be \$30,095.52, which is a percentage increase of 1% from previous year. This increase is exclusive of additional revenue resulting from new construction, improvements to property, newly constructed wind turbines, solar, biomass, and geothermal facilities, and any increase in the value of the state assessed property, any annexations that have occurred and refunds made.

**Section 2. Excess Tax Levy for 2020.** In addition to the above levies for the ensuing fiscal year of 2020, there shall be and are hereby levied current taxes of \$175,000, the purpose of which is to retire the outstanding obligation incurred by the City for general obligation bonds that have been issued after an affirmative vote of the citizens in favor thereof.

**Section 3. Majority Approval.** This ordinance was passed by a majority of the entire Council.

**Section 4. Transmittal to Auditor.** A certified copy of this Ordinance shall be transmitted to the Kittitas County Assessor's Office and to the Clerk of the Kittitas County Commissioners, and such other governmental agencies as provided by law.

**Section 5. Severability.** If any section, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance should be held to be invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of any other section, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance.

**Section 6. Corrections.** Upon the approval of the City Attorney, the City Clerk and the codifiers of this ordinance are authorized to make necessary corrections to this ordinance including, but not limited to, the correction of scrivener's errors, references, ordinance numbering, section/subsection numbers and any references thereto.

**Section 7. Effective Date.** This ordinance, being an exercise of a power specifically delegated to the City legislative body, is not subject to referendum, and shall take effect five (5) days after passage and publication of the ordinance or a summary thereof consisting of the title.

The foregoing ordinance was passed and adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2019.

ATTEST:  
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MAYOR  
Beth Leader  
CITY CLERK

Approved as to form:

  
CITY ATTORNEY

Publish: 11-21-2019

I, Beth Leader, City Clerk of said City, do hereby certify that Ordinance No. 4840 is a true and correct copy of said Ordinance of like number of said City as the same was passed by said Council, and that Ordinance No. 4840 was published as required by law.

  
BETH LEADER