

**RESOLUTION NO. 2020 – 31**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
ELLENSBURG, WASHINGTON, DECLARING A SUBSTANTIAL  
NEED TO SET THE LEVY LIMIT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR  
COMMENCING JANUARY 1, 2021, AT ONE PERCENT (1%) FOR  
THE PURPOSE OF ENSURING SUFFICIENT REVENUE TO  
CARRY ON GENERAL OPERATIONS, AND PAY DEBT SERVICE  
OBLIGATIONS OF SAID CITY AS REQUIRED BY LAW.**

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Ellensburg has met and considered its budget for 2020-2021 biennial budget pursuant to RCW 84.55.120; and

WHEREAS, RCW 84.55.005 sets the default limit factor for taxing districts with a population of 10,000 or more at the lesser of 101% or 100% plus inflation; and

WHEREAS, RCW 84.55.005 limits the increase in property taxes to the lower of one percent over the prior year levy rate or the implicit price deflator (IPD); and

WHEREAS, the IPD to be used by Washington taxing jurisdictions for 2021 is measured at .602 for second quarter of 2020, and therefore the City is limited to 100.602% without a declaration of substantial need by Council; and

WHEREAS, RCW 84.55.0101 provides for use of a limit factor of 101% with a finding of substantial need by a majority plus one Councilmembers (or five out of seven Councilmembers); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to RCW 84.55.120, the City Council of the City of Ellensburg held a public hearing on November 2, 2020, to consider possible increases in property tax revenue for the calendar year 2021; and

WHEREAS, the City's actual levy amount from previous year was \$3,131,532.16; and

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

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Ellensburg, after considering all evidence and testimony presented at the November 2, 2020 public hearing, has determined that, due to the need for sufficient revenue to carry on general operations and pay debt service obligations, there is a substantial need to increase the regular property tax limit factor above the rate of inflation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
ELLENSBURG, WASHINGTON, AS FOLLOWS:

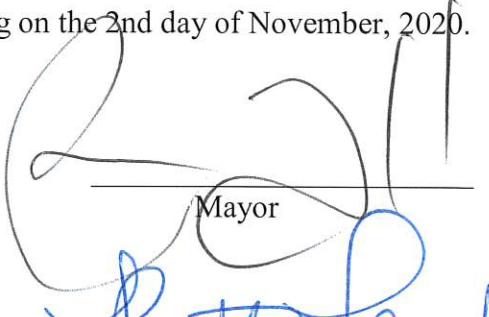
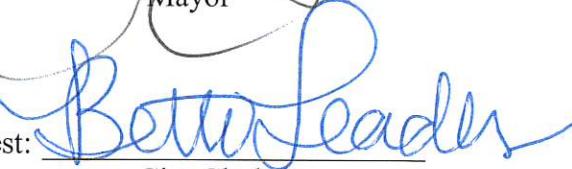
**Section 1.** The Ellensburg City Council authorizes use of a limit factor of one hundred and one percent (101%) for purposes of setting regular property taxes to be levied by the City of Ellensburg in 2021.

**Section 2.** The Ellensburg City Council authorizes use of a limit factor of 101% for purposes of calculating the highest lawful levy limit of the City of Ellensburg and protecting such future levy capacity.

**Section 3.** Increases authorized herein shall be in addition to voter approved increases and increases attributable to new construction, improvements to property, newly constructed wind turbines, any increase in the value of state assessed property, any annexations that have occurred and refunds made.

**Section 4.** This resolution was passed by a majority plus one of the entire Council.

ADOPTED by the City Council of Ellensburg on the 2nd day of November, 2020.

  
Attest:   
Betti Leader  
City Clerk