

ORDINANCE NO. 2014-8

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF EATONVILLE, WASHINGTON, RELATING TO REGULAR PROPERTY TAXES; PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE TOWN AT THE STATEWIDE GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD NOVEMBER 4, 2014 A PROPOSITION AUTHORIZING AN INCREASE IN THE REGULAR PROPERTY TAX LEVY IN EXCESS OF THE INCREASE OTHERWISE ALLOWED BY CHAPTER 84.55 RCW TO FUND PUBLIC SAFETY OPERATION COSTS; SETTING FORTH THE BALLOT TITLE THEREFORE; REQUESTING THAT THE AUDITOR OF PIERCE COUNTY PLACE THE PROPOSITION ON THE NOVEMBER 4, 2014 BALLOT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, RATIFICATION OF PAST CONSISTENT ACTIONS, AND FIXING THE TIME WHEN THE SAME SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE

WHEREAS, the Town of Eatonville has suffered from decreased revenues as a result of a slow economy and declining property values;

WHEREAS, the Town currently levies property taxes at the maximum statutory rate;

WHEREAS, Article VII, § 2(a) of the Washington State Constitution and RCW 84.55.050 authorizes the Town of Eatonville to submit to the Town's qualified voters a proposition for an increased property tax levy beyond statutory and constitutional limits;

WHEREAS, providing public safety to the public as a whole is a priority of the Town of Eatonville's Administration and Council and expected revenues for 2015 will be insufficient to provide the same level of public safety to the Town's citizens;

WHEREAS, the Town Council has determined that it is in the best interest of the Town and its residents to submit a levy lid lift proposition under RCW 84.55.050(1) to the voters for their approval or rejection; now, therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF EATONVILLE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Pursuant to RCW 84.55.050, the Eatonville Town Council hereby calls for submission of a proposition authorizing the Town to levy an increase of \$342,876 in property taxes to cover the Town's public safety operation expenses, consistent with the budget adopted by the Town Council, to the qualified electors of the

Section 5. Any act consistent with the authority and prior to the effective date of this ordinance is hereby ratified and affirmed.

Section 6. This ordinance shall take effect after publication of a summary, consisting of the title, pursuant to RCW 35.27.300.

1ST READING: WAIVED
2ND READING: 08/04/2014

PASSED by the Town Council of the Town of Eatonville and attested by the Clerk in authentication of such passage this 4th day of August, 2014.

Mike Schaub
Mayor

ATTEST:

Kathy Linnemeyer
Town Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Gregory A. Jacoby
Town Attorney