

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM
CITY OF SHORELINE, WASHINGTON

AGENDA TITLE: Adoption of Ordinance No. 529, the 2009 Property Tax Levy
DEPARTMENT: Finance
PRESENTED BY: Debbie Tarry, Finance Director

PROBLEM/ISSUE STATEMENT:

The City of Shoreline is required to adopt its 2009 levy ordinance and certify the amount to the County Assessor by November 30, 2008. The 2009 proposed budget includes a recommended 1% regular property tax levy increase, new property tax revenues from estimated new construction and refunds. The 2009 general property tax levy, as proposed, is estimated at \$7,526,806. This represents an overall increase over the 2008 levy of \$171,206. Included in this increase is \$73,411 from the allowable 1% increase over the prior year levy; \$80,720 from new construction, and \$17,075 from refunds. The projected levy tax rate for 2009 is approximately \$0.94 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation.

The City also has an excess levy to collect monies to repay the general obligation bonds that were issued in December 2006 as approved by the voters in May 2006. The total general obligation bond levy for 2009 is estimated at \$1,700,000, resulting in a levy rate of \$0.21 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The total resources used in the proposed 2009 budget are \$104,077,571. Regular property tax represents 8.75% of the overall City resources in the amount of \$9,136,509 which include both the regular levy and the bond levy. If the Council does not approve the proposed property tax levy, the 2009 proposed revenues and expenditures would need to be decreased.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that Council approve Ordinance No. 529, establishing the City's 2009 regular property tax levy

Approved By:

City Manager 

City Attorney 

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A – Ordinance No. 529

ORDINANCE NO. 529

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SHORELINE, WASHINGTON LEVYING THE GENERAL TAXES FOR THE CITY OF SHORELINE IN KING COUNTY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING JANUARY 1, 2008, ON ALL PROPERTY BOTH REAL AND PERSONAL, IN SAID CITY WHICH IS SUBJECT TO TAXATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING SUFFICIENT REVENUE TO CONDUCT CITY BUSINESS FOR THE ENSUING YEAR AS REQUIRED BY LAW AND LEVYING AN EXCESS LEVY FOR THE REPAYMENT OF UNLIMITED GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Shoreline has considered the City's anticipated financial requirements for 2009 and the amounts necessary and available to be raised by ad valorem taxes on real, personal, and utility property; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council has properly given notice of the public hearing held November 17, 2008 to consider the City's current expense budget for the 2008 calendar year, pursuant to RCW 84.55.120; and

WHEREAS, the City Council after hearing and after duly considering all relevant evidence and testimony presented, determined that the City of Shoreline requires an increase in property tax revenue from the previous year, in addition to the increase resulting from the addition of new construction and improvements to property and any increase in the value of state-assessed property, and amounts authorized by law as a result of any annexations that have occurred and refunds made, in order to discharge the expected expenses and obligations of the City and in its best interest; and

WHEREAS, the voters of the City of Shoreline approved the issuance of \$18,795,000 in unlimited general obligation bonds on May 16, 2006; and,

WHEREAS, the City issued the bonds on December 13, 2006, and began making debt service payments on the bonds in June of 2007;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SHORELINE, WASHINGTON, DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Regular Property Tax Levy Changes. An increase in the regular property tax levy, in addition to the increase resulting from the addition of new construction and improvements to property and any increase in the value of state-assessed property, is hereby authorized for the 2009 levy in the amount of \$73,411 which is a percentage increase of one percent (1%) from the previous year as calculated below.

	2008	2009	Increase/ (Decrease)
Assessed Valuation	7,223,477,590	7,950,730,490	727,252,900
Base Levy	7,243,433	7,414,520	171,087
Optional Increase on Base Levy			
Dollars	71,717	73,411	1,694
Percent	1.00%	1.00%	0.00%
Prior Year Levy Adjustments and New Construction	97,676	80,720	(16,956)
Total Regular Levy in Dollars	7,355,600	7,526,806	171,206
Total Change in Percentage			2.33%
Rate per \$1,000 Assessed Valuation	1.01829	0.94668	(0.07161)

Section 2. Voter-Approved Excess Tax Levy for Unlimited General Obligation Bonds. In addition, a further tax is hereby levied to raise revenue to provide for the interest and redemption of voter-approved general obligation bonds for the fiscal year of 2009 in the amount of \$1,700,000. This tax is applicable to all taxable property within the City of Shoreline.

Section 3. Notice to King County. This ordinance shall be certified to the proper County officials, as provided by law, and taxes herein levied shall be collected to pay to the Finance Department of the City of Shoreline at the time and in the manner provided by the laws of the State of Washington for the collection of taxes for non-charter code cities.

Section 4. Effective Date. This ordinance shall be in full force five days after publication of this ordinance, or a summary consisting of its title, in the official newspaper of the City, as provided by law.

Section 5. Severability. Should any section, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance, or its application to any person or circumstance, be declared unconstitutional or otherwise invalid for any reason, or should any portion of this Ordinance be preempted by State or Federal law or regulation, such decision or preemption shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance or its application to other persons or circumstances.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL ON NOVEMBER 24, 2008.

Mayor Cindy Ryu

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Scott Passey
City Clerk

Ian Sievers
City Attorney

Date of Publication: November 24, 2008
Effective Date: December 2, 2008