

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM
CITY OF SHORELINE, WASHINGTON

AGENDA TITLE: Adoption of the 2010 Property Tax Levy
DEPARTMENT: Finance
PRESENTED BY: Debbie Tarry, Finance Director

PROBLEM/ISSUE STATEMENT:

The City of Shoreline is required to adopt its 2011 property tax levy ordinance and certify the amount to the County Assessor by November 30, 2010. On November 2, 2010, voters approved Proposition One which established a tax rate of \$1.48 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation for 2011 property tax levy. The County Assessor has instructed staff that the ordinance adopting the regular levy should only refer to the property tax rate approved by voters as opposed to the total levy.

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 for open space acquisition and park improvements. The total general obligation bond levy for 2011 is \$1,700,000, resulting in an estimated levy rate of \$0.26 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation.

Ordinance No. 587 is the ordinance that adopts both the regular property tax levy and the tax levy to repay the 2006 General Obligation Bonds.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The 2011 Proposed Budget assumed passage of Proposition 1. The total operating budget for Shoreline is \$35.3 million with the City's regular property tax levy amounting to 31% of General Fund operating revenues.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that Council approve Ordinance No. 587 establishing the City's 2011 regular and bond property tax levies.

Approved By: City Manager  City Attorney 

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A – Ordinance No. 587

ORDINANCE NO. 587

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, 2011, 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 2011 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 8, 2010 to consider the revenue sources for the City's current expense budget for the 2010 calendar year, pursuant to RCW 84.55.120; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of the City of Shoreline approved Shoreline Proposition One on November 2, 2010 which set the 2011 regular property tax levy rate at \$1.48 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation; 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 . The property tax rate for 2011 shall be \$1.48 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation as included in Proposition One which was approved by voters on November 2, 2010.

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 2011 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 22, 2010.

Mayor Keith McGlashan

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Scott Passey
City Clerk

Ian Sievers
City Attorney

Date of Publication:
Effective Date:

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