

**RESOLUTION NO. 980**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF UNIVERSITY PLACE  
AUTHORIZING A LEVY LID LIFT BE PLACED ON THE NOVEMBER 2022 GENERAL  
ELECTION BALLOT FOR SUPPORT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES**

WHEREAS, pursuant to RCW 84.55.050, the City of University Place, may levy regular property taxes in any calendar year in excess of limitations specified in chapter 84.55 RCW when such levy has been authorized by a proposition approved by a majority of the voters of the City voting on the proposition at a general or special election within the City; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined the current level of funding is not adequate to meet community demands for law enforcement services and additional funding is necessary to secure a solution that would provide stable funding; and

WHEREAS, in order to continue to provide the current level of law enforcement services being provided to the residents of University Place, it is deemed necessary that the City increase its regular property tax levy rate to \$1.285032913 per \$1,000 of assessed value for collection in 2023 and thereafter to use the resulting levy amount for the purpose of computing the limitations for subsequent levies as allowed by RCW 84.55; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of University Place deems it necessary to submit to the voters of the City of University Place the proposition of whether or not the City shall levy regular property taxes for collection in 2023 in excess of the limit factor provided for in chapter 84.55 RCW;

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF UNIVERSITY PLACE RESOLVES  
AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. Incorporation. The above recitals are hereby incorporated herein as if set forth in full.

Section 2. Call for Election. The University Place City Council requests that Pierce County Auditor hold an election concurrent with the November 8, 2022 general election, in the manner provided by law, for the purpose of submitting to the qualified electors of the City of University Place, with such additions, deletions or modifications as may be required, the ballot proposition set forth in Section 3.

Section 3. Official Ballot Proposition. The University Place City Clerk is hereby directed to certify, no later than August 2, 2022, to Pierce County Auditor, the following proposition:

**CITY OF UNIVERSITY PLACE -- Proposition 1  
Levy Lid Lift for Support of Law Enforcement**

The University Place City Council adopted Resolution No. 980 concerning a proposition to provide stable funding for law enforcement. The proposition would increase the City's regular property tax levy, currently \$0.776432913 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation, to \$1.285032913 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation, to be collected in 2023. This levy amount would be used to compute the limitations for subsequent levies. Taxpayers who qualify for an exemption under RCW 84.36.381 would be exempt from the increase.

Should this proposition be approved?

YES.....

NO.....

Section 4. Ballot Measure Submission Cover Sheet. The University Place City Clerk is directed to file a ballot measure submission cover sheet at the same time the proposition is certified in accordance with this Resolution.

Section 5. Explanatory Statement. The City Attorney is hereby directed to prepare and/or approve an explanatory statement in accordance with RCW 29A.32.241 and shall submit the explanatory statement to Pierce County Elections no later than 4:30 p.m. on August 2, 2022.

Section 6. Request for Inclusion in Voters' Pamphlet and Pro/Con Committee Appointments. The University Place City Council requests that Pierce County Elections include the proposition referenced herein as well as information related to the proposition in the voters' pamphlet distributed for the November 8, 2022 election. The City Council hereby authorizes the use of City funds to pay for publication of the voters' pamphlet and the costs of the election regarding this proposition.

No later than August 1, 2022, a council subcommittee, consisting of the Mayor, Mayor Pro Tempore, and Chair of the Finance Committee is authorized to exercise the City's right to appoint a committee to prepare arguments advocating voters' approval of the measure ("Pro Committee") and a committee to prepare arguments advocating voters' rejection of the measure ("Con Committee"). The committee advocating approval of the advisory proposition shall be composed of persons known to favor the ballot proposition, and the committee advocating disapproval shall be composed of persons known to oppose the ballot proposition.

Section 7. Certified Copies of Resolution to be Filed. The University Place City Clerk is directed to file certified copies of this Resolution with the Pierce County Council and the Pierce County Elections.

Section 8. Supplemental Grant of Authority. The City Council directs the proper officials of the City to take any other and further actions deemed necessary to implement the policies and determinations of the Council consistent with the language of this Resolution. Any actions taken consistent with the authority granted by, but before the effective date of this Resolution, is ratified, approved and confirmed.

Section 9. Severability. If any portion of this resolution shall be declared by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, then such provision shall be null and void and shall be severable from the remaining provisions and shall in no way affect the validity of the other provisions, or of the levy or collection of the taxes authorized herein.

Section 10. Effective Date. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

**ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL ON JULY 18, 2022.**



Steve Worthington, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Emelita J. Genetia, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
Matthew S. Kaser, City Attorney

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| I, <u>Emelita J. Genetia</u> , City Clerk of the City of <u>University Place</u> , Washington, do hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of <u>RESOLUTION NO. 980</u> |
| Approved by the City Council at its meeting of <u>JULY 18, 2022</u>  |
| Dated this <u>JULY 20, 2022</u>  |
| <br>City Clerk   |

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YES.....

NO.....

Explanatory Statement:

CITY OF UNIVERSITY PLACE PROPOSITION NO. 1

Levy Lid Lift for Support of Law Enforcement

The City of University Place is seeking voter approval for a levy lid lift to provide funding for additional public safety staffing. The City currently receives approximately six cents for every dollar taxpayers pay in property tax. The City dedicates all property taxes it receives to public safety.

State law limits the City's property tax revenue growth to 1% annually, plus tax on new construction. This additional revenue is less than the annual increase in the City's public safety costs. As a result, the City does not have funding to add staff to patrol neighborhoods or to adequately address increases in property crimes and speeding.

This proposal would help provide a more visible police presence and help improve response times. It will increase the City's levy rate by approximately \$0.51 per \$1000 of assessed value for collection in 2023 and would be used to calculate the statutory limitation for future levy increases. For a home assessed at \$524,870 (the average taxable home value as determined by the Pierce County Assessor Treasurer), this levy would increase a homeowner's property tax by approximately \$22 per month. Low-income seniors and low-income disabled homeowners may qualify for an exemption from this increase.