

**ORDINANCE 19-1067**  
**CITY OF DUPONT, WASHINGTON**

AN ORDINANCE of the City Council of the City of DuPont, Washington, relating to regular property taxes; providing for the submission to the qualified electors of the City at the regular election to be held on November 5, 2019, of a proposition authorizing the City to levy regular property taxes in excess of the limitations of chapter 84.55 RCW; directing proper City officials to take necessary actions; and providing for other properly related matter; and revising and amending Ordinance 19-1066, specifically the text of the ballot proposition passed in Ordinance 19-1066.

BE IT ORDAINED BY the City Council of the City of DuPont, Washington, as follows:

Section 1. Recitals. The City Council (the “City Council”) of the City of DuPont, Washington (the “City”), hereby makes the following findings and determinations:

(a) RCW 84.55.050 provides for the levy of regular property taxes in an amount exceeding the limitations specified in chapter 84.55 RCW if such increased levy is authorized by a proposition approved by a majority of the voters at general election held within the taxing district (a “levy lid lift”).

(b) The regular property tax levy is an entirely separate tax from the EMS levy authorized pursuant to RCW 84.52.069 and previously voted into existence by the citizens. The proposed ballot measure will not affect the existing EMS levy.

(c) DuPont Professional Fire Fighters Local 3829, with the support of the International Association of Firefighters, continues to recognize a need for Advanced Life Support (ALS) capacity, which would be achieved through Paramedic services, in the City of DuPont.

(d) The City Council, having considered the input from DuPont Professional Fire Fighters Local 3829, has determined that it is a substantial benefit for the public health, safety and welfare that the City have adequate funding for Paramedic services and that the current regular property tax revenues will be insufficient to provide adequate funding for these purposes.

(e) The City Council on July 9<sup>th</sup> 2019, held a public hearing on a proposed tax increase and then passed Ordinance 19-1066 placing such a proposition on the ballot. The ballot Proposition language omitted the limit factor required pursuant to chapter 84.55 RCW.

(f) This Ordinance revises and amends Ordinance 19-1066 to include corrected ballot proposition language setting forth the revised and amended ordinance at full length per RCW 35A.12.130.

Section 2. Calling of Election. Based on the foregoing, the City Council finds that it is in the best interests of the City to submit to the qualified voters of the City, at the regular election to be held on November 5, 2019, a proposition authorizing the City to increase its regular property tax levy for collection in 2020 by an amount greater than otherwise permitted under chapter 84.55 RCW for the purpose described in Section 3. If this proposition is approved, the City Council will

be authorized to adopt, in accordance with its regular budget process, an increased regular property tax as described in Section 3.

Section 3. Purpose and Description of Ballot Proposition. For the purposes identified below, the City Council seeks voter approval of a four year levy lid lift ballot proposition under RCW 84.55.050. If approved, the proposition would authorize the City's regular levy rate for collection in 2020 to increase *by* not more than \$0.66 per \$1000 assessed value. The amounts collected pursuant to the authorized increase shall be used solely to provide funding for hiring and training qualified Paramedics and to provide for required equipment and physician oversight and any other funding requirements for a DFD Paramedic Program.

Section 4. Ballot Proposition Amendment. The Auditor of Pierce County, Washington (the "Auditor"), as *ex officio* supervisor of elections, is hereby requested to place on the ballot Proposition 1 for the regular election, in the manner provided by law, to be held on the date identified in Section 2, for the purpose of submitting to the voters of the City, this amended proposition in substantially the following form:

**The City of DuPont, Washington**

**Proposition 1**

**Four-Year Levy Lid Lift for Paramedic Services**

DuPont City Council adopted ordinance 19-~~106~~ concerning an increase in the City's regular property tax rate *for a four (4) year period*. Proposition 1 would provide funding for Paramedic Services within the City. Regular property tax levy would increase by \$0.66 per \$1000 assessed value *beginning in 2020; and for the ensuing years the limit factor shall be set at 104%*.

Should this proposition be:  Approved?  Rejected?

Section 5. All-Mail Ballot Proposition; Notices Relating to Ballot Proposition. The City hereby requests that this election be conducted as an all-mail election, pursuant to RCW 29A.48.020. For purposes of receiving notice of the exact language of the ballot proposition required by RCW 29A.36.080, the City Council hereby designates: (a) the City Clerk, Karri Muir. (kmuir@dupontwa.gov, 253-912-5211), and (b) City Attorney, Gordon P. Karg (gkarg@dupontwa.gov, 253-912-5214) as the persons to whom such notice should be provided.

Section 6. Local Voters' Pamphlet. The preparation and distribution of a local voters' pamphlet providing information on this ballot proposition is hereby authorized. The pamphlet shall include arguments advocating approval and disapproval of the ballot proposition prepared by committees appointed in accordance with RCW 29A.32.280. Each committee shall be composed of not more than three persons, and the committee advocating approval 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. Committees shall be appointed in accordance with Section 7.

Section 7. Authorization to Deliver Resolution, Appoint For/Against Committees and Perform Other Necessary Duties. The City Clerk is authorized and directed, no later than August 6, 2019, to certify a copy of this ordinance to the Auditor and to perform such other duties as are

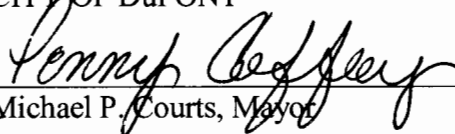
necessary or required by law to the end that the proposition described herein should appear on the ballot on the regular election identified in Section 2 of this ordinance. The City Administrator is authorized and directed to seek out the names of persons interested in serving on a committee to prepare an argument advocating approval and a committee to prepare an argument advocating disapproval of the ballot proposition and to submit those names to the Auditor in accordance with the schedule established by state law and County rule. If more than three persons volunteer to form a committee for or against, the City Administrator shall draw names by lot to determine the composition of such committee, and the City Council shall approve such names by motion. If three or fewer persons volunteer for each committee, then the City Council hereby authorizes submission of those names, without need for further action by Council.

Section 8. Severability. If any provision of this ordinance shall be declared by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, then such provision shall be null and void and shall be separable 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.

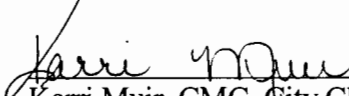
Section 9. Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and five days following its publication, as required by law.

Passed by the City Council and approved by the Mayor of the City of DuPont, Washington, at a regular meeting thereof, this 30 day of July, 2019.

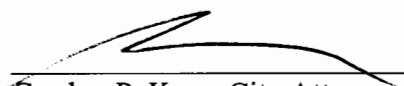
CITY OF DuPONT

FOR   
Michael P. Courts, Mayor

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATED:

  
Karri Muir, CMC, City Clerk

Approved as to form:

  
Gordon P. Karg, City Attorney