

TOWN OF CARBONADO, WASHINGTON

ORDINANCE NO. 494

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF CARBONADO, PIERCE COUNTY, WASHINGTON, PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE TOWN, AT AN ELECTION TO BE HELD WITHIN THE TOWN ON NOVEMBER 3, 2020, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE STATE GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON THE SAME DATE, A PROPOSITION RE-AUTHORIZING A LEVY OF A REGULAR PROPERTY TAX IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED FIFTY CENTS (50¢) PER THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,000.00) OF THE TRUE AND ASSESSED VALUATION, IN ADDITION TO ITS REGULAR PROPERTY TAX LEVY, AS AUTHORIZED IN RCW 84.52.069, EACH YEAR FOR SIX CONSECUTIVE YEARS, TO BE LEVIED FIRST IN 2021, AND TO BE COLLECTED IN EACH YEAR SUCCEEDING THE YEAR OF THE LEVY. SAID LEVY SHALL PROVIDE FUNDS REQUIRED BY THE TOWN FOR THE CONTINUED PROVISION OF BASIC AND ADVANCED EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES, INCLUDING PERSONNEL COSTS, TRAINING FOR SUCH PERSONNEL, AND RELATED EQUIPMENT, SUPPLIES AND VEHICLES.

WHEREAS, RCW 84.52.069 authorizes towns to temporarily impose an additional regular property tax levy of up to fifty cents per one thousand dollars of assessed valuation in order to provide emergency medical services; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Carbonado did have approved by the electors in 2014 a regular tax levy in the amount equal to fifty cents per one thousand dollars of assessed value of property to augment the cost of emergency medical services; and

WHEREAS, the six-year levy ends with the 2020 tax year; and

WHEREAS, assuring a stable source of funds in order to provide such emergency medical services will ensure that such services can be continuously provided and thus be in the best interest of the public health, safety and welfare; and

WHEREAS, in order for the Town of Carbonado to impose a temporary levy, it must obtain approval of the qualified electors of the Town and the Town Council has therefore determined to submit a proposition to the qualified electors re-authorizing the levy at a rate not to exceed fifty cents per one thousand dollars of assessed valuation at the general election to be held on November 3, 2020;

NOW THEREFORE THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF CARBONADO DOES NOW ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Calling of Election. The Town Council requests that the Auditor of Pierce County, Washington, as the *ex officio* supervisor of elections, call and conduct an election in the Town, in the manner provided by law, to be held therein on November 3, 2020, for the purpose of submitting to the qualified electors of the Town for their approval or rejection, the question of whether or not a temporary additional regular property tax levy shall be made in 2021, for collection each year for six consecutive years beginning in 2021, a general tax on taxable property in the Town in an amount of up to fifty cents per one thousand dollars of the true and assessed valuation of the Town, in order to provide emergency medical services within the Town.

Section 2. Ballot Proposition. The Town Clerk is authorized and directed to certify, no later than August 4, 2020, to the Auditor, as *ex officio* supervisor of elections in the Town, a copy of this ordinance and the proposition to be submitted at that election in the form of ballot title prepared by the Town Attorney pursuant to RCW 29A.36.071, as follows:

**TOWN OF CARBONADO PROPOSITION NO. 1
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES PROPERTY TAX LEVY**

Shall the Town of Carbonado be re-authorized to impose regular property tax levies of fifty cents (50¢) or less per thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) of assessed valuation for each of six consecutive years to continue providing basic and advanced (EMT and Paramedic) emergency medical services?

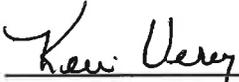
YES
NO

The Town Clerk and Town Attorney are authorized to make such minor adjustments to the wording of such proposition as may be recommended by the Pierce County Auditor, as long as the intent of the proposition remains clear and as approved by the Town Council.

Section 3. Severability. If any provision of this ordinance is 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 of this ordinance, and shall in no way affect the validity of the other provisions of this ordinance.

Section 4. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effective May 16, 2020. A summary of this Ordinance may be published in lieu of publishing the Ordinance in its entirety.

Introduced, passed, and approved this 11th day of May, 2020.



Mayor Kevin Vesey

ATTEST:



Daille Argo, Town Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Michael J. Reynolds, Town Attorney

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