

PUBLIC HOSPITAL DISTRICT NO. 2  
Klickitat County, Washington

RESOLUTION NO. 542

A RESOLUTION of the Commission of Public Hospital District No. 2, Klickitat County, Washington, relating to regular property taxes; providing for the submission to the qualified electors of the District at a special election to be held on November 3, 2020, in conjunction with the general election, of a proposition authorizing the District to levy regular property taxes in excess of the limitations imposed by chapter 84.55 RCW; setting forth the text of the ballot proposition; directing proper District officials to take necessary actions; and providing for other properly related matters.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSION OF PUBLIC HOSPITAL DISTRICT NO. 2, KLINKITAT COUNTY, WASHINGTON, as follows:

Section 1. The Commission (the "Commission") of Public Hospital District No. 2, Klickitat County, Washington (the "District"), hereby makes the following findings and determinations:

(a) Under the provisions of RCW 70.44.060, public hospital districts are authorized to levy regular property taxes at a rate of up to 75 cents per \$1,000 of assessed value for purposes of operating and maintaining the hospital and health care facilities and services of the public hospital district.

(b) RCW 84.55.010 and RCW 84.55.092 provide that the levy for a taxing district in any year shall be set so that the regular property taxes payable in the following year shall not exceed the "limit factor" multiplied by the amount of regular property taxes lawfully levied for such district in the highest of the three most recent years in which such taxes were levied for such district, or the highest amount that could have been levied in any year since 1985, plus an additional dollar amount calculated by multiplying the increase in assessed value in that district resulting from (i) new construction, (ii) increases in assessed value due to construction of wind turbine, solar, biomass, and geothermal facilities, (iii) improvements to property, and (iv) any increase in the assessed value of state-assessed property by the regular property tax levy rate of that district for the preceding year.

(c) RCW 84.55.005 provides that the limit factor for taxing districts with a population of less than ten thousand in the calendar year prior to the assessment year is 101% and for taxing districts with a population equal to or greater than \$10,000 is the lesser of 101% or one hundred percent plus inflation unless an increase greater than this limit is approved by the voters of the district at an election provided by RCW 84.55.050.

(d) Pursuant to a special election held on February 6, 1996, the voters of the District approved an increase in the District's regular property tax levy rate from a level of \$0.16 per \$1,000 of assessed value to \$0.50 per \$1,000 of assessed value for a period of twenty years beginning in 1997 and ending in 2016.

(e) Pursuant to a special election held on August 2, 2016 (the “2016 Ballot Proposition”), the voters of the District approved a continuation of the District’s then effective regular property tax levy rate of \$0.34 per \$1,000 of assessed value for a period of twenty years beginning in 2017 and ending in 2036.

(f) The Commission has determined that it is necessary and in the best interest of the residents of the District to seek approval for an increase in its regular property tax levy to provide funds to replace and upgrade the District’s medical equipment and facilities, including infrastructure improvements, and expand the District’s local community health care services for the benefit of the District’s residents and other persons served by the District.

(g) The Commission has determined that it is essential and necessary for the public health, safety and welfare that its regular property tax levy be increased from its current level of \$0.30 per \$1000 of assessed value to \$0.68 per \$1000 of assessed value beginning in 2021 and that such increase not be subject to any time limitation notwithstanding the provisions of the 2016 Ballot Proposition, which increase is intended to provide sufficient funds to support the continued operation, development and expansion of the District’s health care facilities and services.

Section 2. Calling of Election. The Commission finds that it is in the best interests of the District to submit to the qualified voters of the District, at a special election on November 3, 2020, a proposition authorizing the District to increase its regular property tax levy and levy regular property taxes in 2020 for collection in 2021 by an amount greater than otherwise permitted under chapter 84.55 RCW and to use the dollar amount of such levy in 2021 for the purpose of computing limitations for the District’s levies in subsequent years and that such increase not be subject to any time limitation. If this proposition is approved, the Commission will be authorized to adopt, in accordance with its regular budget process, an increased regular property tax as described in Section 3.

Section 3. Description of Ballot Proposition. The Commission seeks voter approval under RCW 84.55.050(1) for a levy lid lift, as follows:

(a) Maximum Levy Rate Authorized for Levy in 2020 and Collection in 2021. The proposition would authorize a maximum total regular levy rate of \$0.68 per \$1,000 of assessed value for levy in 2020 and collection in 2021.

(b) Increase Authorized in Future Years. The dollar amount of the maximum allowable levy under chapter 84.55 RCW levied in 2020 for collection in 2021 shall be used for the purpose of computing the limitations on levies in subsequent years under chapter 84.55 RCW and such increase shall not be subject to any time limitation notwithstanding the provisions of the 2016 Ballot Proposition.

Section 4. Ballot Proposition. Pursuant to RCW 29A.36.071, the Klickitat County Prosecuting Attorney is requested to prepare the concise description of the aforesaid proposition in the form of a ballot title in substantially the following form:

PUBLIC HOSPITAL DISTRICT NO. 2  
KLICKITAT COUNTY, WASHINGTON  
(Skyline Hospital)

PROPOSITION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

LEVY LID LIFT

The Commission of Public Hospital District No. 2, Klickitat County, Washington (Skyline Hospital) adopted Resolution No. 542 concerning an increase in the District's regular property tax levy. If approved, this proposition would provide funds to replace and upgrade the District's medical equipment and facilities, including infrastructure improvements, and expand the District's local community health care services. It authorizes a maximum regular property levy rate for collection in 2021 of \$0.68/\$1,000 assessed value. The 2021 levy amount will be used for the purpose of computing the limitations for levies in subsequent years. Should this proposition be:

APPROVED .....

REJECTED .....

Section 5. The Secretary of the Commission of the District, or his or her designee, is authorized and directed (a) to present a certified copy of this resolution to the Auditors of Klickitat County, Washington, on or before August 4, 2020, and (b) to perform such other duties as are necessary or required by law to submit to the District's voters at the aforesaid election, for their approval or rejection, the proposition of whether or not the District should increase the levy rate as herein provided.

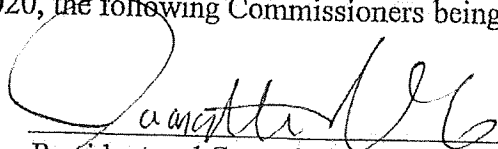
Section 6. If any provision of this resolution shall be declared by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, then such provision shall be null and void and shall be separable from the remaining provisions of this resolution and shall in no way affect the validity of the other provisions of this resolution, or of the levy or collection of the taxes.

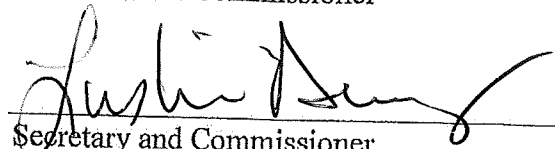
Section 7. For purposes of receiving notice of the exact language of the ballot title required by RCW 29A.36.080, the Commission hereby designates the Superintendent of the District as the individual to whom the Auditor of Klickitat County, Washington, shall provide such notice. The Superintendent of the District and President of the Commission are each authorized individually to approve changes to the ballot title, if any, deemed necessary by the Auditor of Klickitat County, Washington or the Klickitat County Prosecuting Attorney.

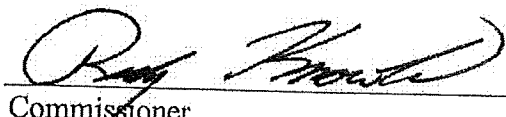
Section 8. This resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

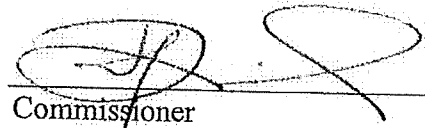
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ADOPTED and APPROVED by the Commission of Public Hospital District No. 2, Klickitat County, Washington, at a regular open public meeting thereof of which due notice was given as provided by law this 28th day of July, 2020, the following Commissioners being present and voting.

  
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President and Commissioner

  
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Secretary and Commissioner

  
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CERTIFICATION

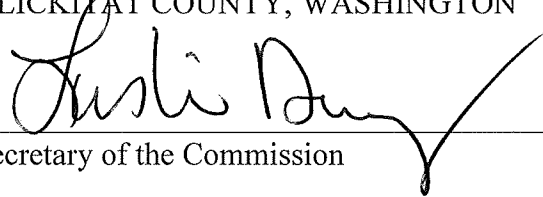
I, the undersigned, Secretary of the Commission of Public Hospital District No. 2, Klickitat County, Washington (the "District"), hereby certify as follows:

1. The attached copy of Resolution No. 542 (the "Resolution") is a full, true and correct copy of a resolution duly adopted at a regular meeting of the Commission of the District held at the regular meeting place thereof on July 28, 2020, as that resolution appears on the minute book of the District; and

2. A quorum of the members of the Commission was present throughout the meeting and a majority of those members present voted in the proper manner for the adoption of the Resolution.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 28th day of July, 2020.

PUBLIC HOSPITAL DISTRICT NO. 2,  
Klickitat County, Washington



Justin Dwyer

Secretary of the Commission

**EXPLANATORY STATEMENT FOR PROPOSITION  
AUTHORIZING AN INCREASE IN REGULAR PROPERTY TAX LEVY**

**1. Election Information:**

Election Date: November 3, 2020

Name of Jurisdiction: Public Hospital District No. 2  
Klickitat County, Washington

Contact Name and Information: Robert Kimmes, Chief Executive Officer  
Telephone: (509) 637-2919  
email: RobbKimmes@skylinehospital.org

**2. Official Ballot Title:**

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KLICKITAT COUNTY

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**3. Statement Explaining Law Regarding Ballot Title:**

RCW 84.55.005 provides that the limit factor for taxing districts with a population of less than ten thousand in the calendar year prior to the assessment year is 101% and for taxing districts with a population equal to or greater than \$10,000 is the lesser of 101% or one hundred percent plus inflation unless an increase greater than this limit is approved by the voters of the district at an election provided by RCW 84.55.050.

**4. Explanatory Statement:**

Klickitat County Public Hospital District No. 2 (Skyline Hospital) provides health care services to the residents of western Klickitat County. The Board of Skyline Hospital has determined that it is necessary to seek approval for an increase in its regular property tax levy to provide funds to replace and upgrade the District's medical equipment and facilities, including infrastructure improvements, and to expand the District's local community health care services for the benefit of the residents and other persons served by the hospital district.

The Board has determined it is necessary that its regular property tax levy be increased from its current level of \$0.30 per \$1000 of assessed value to \$0.68 per \$1000 of assessed value beginning in 2020. The levy increase of approximately \$0.38 per \$1000 of assessed value would result in an estimated increase of \$133.00 annually for a house in the district with an assessed value of \$350,000. Such increase would not be subject to any time limitation notwithstanding provisions of prior ballot propositions. The 2021 levy amount will be used for the purpose of computing the limitations for levies in subsequent years. The increased levy is intended to provide sufficient funds to support the continued operation, development and expansion of the District's health care facilities and services.

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