

Klickitat County Port District No. 1
RESOLUTION NO. 2-2013

A Resolution of the Port of Klickitat Commission
Authorizing a Proposition to Increase the Port's Regular Property Tax Levy

WHEREAS, the Port's Industrial Development District (IDD) levy of \$0.355 mills expired at the end of 2012; and

WHEREAS, the Port's regular property tax levy rate has declined from \$0.247 mills in 2000 to \$0.171 mills in 2013; and

WHEREAS, the Port's total property tax revenue will decline from approximately \$721,000 in 2012 to \$237,000 in 2013 (estimated); and

WHEREAS, the Commission has determined that the tax revenue now available to the Port is insufficient to achieve the goals set forth in its strategic and capital improvement plans; and

WHEREAS, the Commission has determined that it is essential and necessary for the continued economic development of western Klickitat County that the Port secure additional funds to replace those lost due to expiration of its IDD levy in order to adequately support its general operations and capital improvement plan; and

WHEREAS, the Commission finds that, to meet the needs set forth above, it is in the best interests of the Port to submit to the qualified voters of the Port District, for their approval or rejection at the election to be held November 5, 2013, a proposition authorizing an increase to the Port's regular property tax levy for collection in 2014 by an amount greater than otherwise permitted under Chapter 84.55 Revised Code of Washington (RCW); and

WHEREAS, the proposition will authorize a maximum total regular levy rate of \$0.450 mills for collection in 2014 (which is \$0.071 mills below the combined 2012 levy rate) in accordance with RCW 53.36.020; and

WHEREAS, the levy lift will be limited to six (6) years beginning in 2014 and concluding at the end of 2019 as permitted under RCW 84.55.050(2)a; and

WHEREAS, during the six (6) year period the Limit Factor established in RCW 84.55.005 shall be three (3) percent as permitted under RCW 84.55.050(2)a; and

WHEREAS, levies after 2019 shall be computed as if the proposition had not been approved and levies during the six (6) year period were made at the maximum rate otherwise allowed as set forth in RCW 84.55.050(5), provided another levy lift has not been approved by the voters;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Port Commission hereby authorizes its Executive Director or his/her designee to certify a copy of this resolution to the Klickitat County Auditor (the "Auditor") no later than August 6, 2013, and to perform such other duties as may be necessary or required by law to place the proposition described herein on the ballot at the election to be held on November 5, 2013; and

Designates the District's Executive Director (Marc Thornsbury, 509-493-1655, mthornsbury@portofklickitat.com) and Legal Counsel (William Eling, 360-260-1189, elinglaw@aol.com) as the persons to receive notice of the exact language of the ballot proposition as required by RCW 29A.36.080; and

Requests that the Auditor, as ex officio supervisor of elections, call and conduct an election in the District, in the manner provided by law, to be held on the date identified herein, for the purpose of submitting to the voters of the District a proposition and explanatory statement in substantially the following forms:

**Klickitat County Port District No. 1
Klickitat County, Washington**

Proposition __

Regular Property Tax Levy Lid Lift

The Port Commission adopted Resolution 2-2013 concerning this proposition to fund all District activities authorized under Revised Code of Washington Title 53 by increasing the District's tax levy. If approved, this proposition would authorize the Port to increase its regular property tax levy rate to \$0.45 per \$1,000 of assessed value in 2014 and increase the levy amounts collected in each of the five succeeding years by 3%, subject to the limitations of RCW 53.36.020.

Should this proposition be: Approved Rejected

Explanatory Statement

Proposition __ would provide added funds over a six year period for all Port District activities allowed under state law (RCW 53) including the development of industrial and recreational facilities. At present, the Port's regular tax levy rate is approximately 17 cents per \$1,000 of assessed value. This proposition would offset the tax revenue lost when the Port's additional Industrial Development District tax levy (RCW 53.25) of approximately 35 cents per \$1,000 of assessed value expired at the end of 2012 by allowing the Port to raise its regular tax levy rate by 28 cents to a total of 45 cents per \$1,000 of assessed value for collection in 2014. At that rate, Port taxes on property valued at \$250,000 would be \$112.50 in 2014. The dollar amount collected in 2014 would be used for the purpose of computing the legal limitations for subsequent levies over the following five years (through 2019) and would be capped under this proposition to increase by no more than three percent per year. After 2019, the maximum tax levy would be determined as if this proposition had not been approved (RCW 84.55.050).

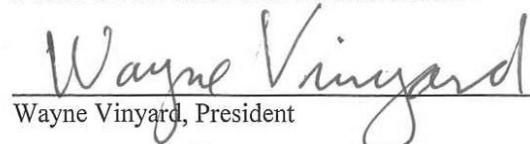
ADOPTED IN OPEN SESSION this 2nd day of July, 2013.

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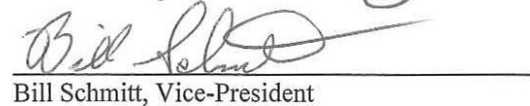


Margie Ziegler, Port Auditor

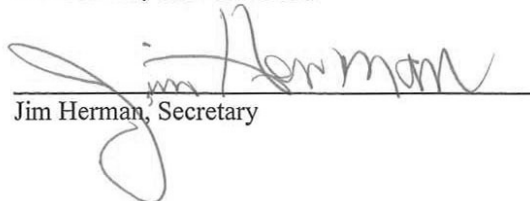
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