

**RESOLUTION NO. 1202**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF LAKE FOREST PARK, WASHINGTON, PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION OF A PROPOSITION TO THE QUALIFYING VOTERS OF THE CITY OF LAKE FOREST PARK AT THE AUGUST 2010 PRIMARY ELECTION FOR THEIR RATIFICATION OR REJECTION, PROVIDING FOR AUTHORITY TO LEVY AN INCREASE IN THE REGULAR PROPERTY TAX LEVY AT THE RATE OF \$1.85 PER \$1,000 OF ASSESSED VALUE WHICH IS IN EXCESS OF THE LIMIT FACTOR ESTABLISHED IN RCW 84.55.005 AND 84.55.010; SETTING FORTH THE BALLOT PROPOSITION; DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO CERTIFY TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR A CERTIFIED COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION; AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER MATTERS PROPERLY RELATED THERETO**

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**WHEREAS**, the City of Lake Forest Park is an optional municipal code City, located in King County, Washington, duly organized and existing pursuant to the laws of the State of Washington; and,

**WHEREAS**, the City is authorized to levy a permanent regular property tax not to exceed \$2.28 per \$1,000 of assessed value on the property within the City; and

**WHEREAS**, Initiative 695 reduced General Fund revenues available to the City for the purpose of providing services to the citizens of the City in the year 2000 by \$1.3 million (26%); and

**WHEREAS**, over the past eight years, Initiative 747 (codified in RCW 84.55.005 - .0101) has limited the increase in property tax revenues to the City to a rate that has been less than the actual rate of inflation for the costs of providing services to the citizens of the City, causing an ongoing structural budget deficit; and

**WHEREAS**, the voters of the City rejected both Initiative 695 and Initiative 747; and

**WHEREAS**, the current economic decline has required the City to reduce nearly 8% of the staff and over \$930,000 in expenditures over the past two-years; and

**WHEREAS**, the forecasted shortfall for the 2011 General Fund budget is approximately \$690,000 with ongoing shortfalls to occur in future years; and

**WHEREAS**, without additional revenues, the City will be required to substantially reduce basic services to the citizens of the City, including services related to public safety, parks, and other community services; and

**WHEREAS**, RCW 84.55.050(2) authorizes a city council to place a proposition before the voters to authorize annual increases in regular property tax levies for multiple

consecutive years (up to six consecutive years), during which period each year's authorized maximum legal levy shall be used as the base upon which an increased levy limit for the succeeding year is computed, so long as the ballot proposition states the dollar rate proposed for the first year of the consecutive years along with the limit factor or a specified index (such as the consumer price index) to be used for determining a limit factor in each of the subsequent consecutive years; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council desires to offset the ongoing loss of revenues resulting from the ongoing structural deficit and economic downturn by allowing the electors to approve or reject a proposition under RCW 84.55.050(2) to authorize the City Council to levy the City's regular property tax in an amount that exceeds the limit factor that would otherwise be prescribed by RCW 84.55.010; and

**WHEREAS**, the proceeds of the increase in the regular property tax on real property that would be authorized by the ballot proposition requested below will provide funding for the continuation of basic services provided by the City to its citizens;

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKE FOREST PARK, WASHINGTON, DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1.** Pursuant to RCW 84.55.050(2) and RCW 29A.04.330, an election is hereby requested to be called, conducted and held within the City of Lake Forest Park on Tuesday, August 17, 2010, for the purpose of submitting to the qualified electors of the City, for their ratification or rejection, a proposition approving a six-year increase in the City's regular property tax levy exceeding the limit factor provided in RCW 84.55.005 - .0101, as more specifically described in Section 2 below.

**Section 2.** The proposition would authorize the City to levy the regular property tax at a rate of \$1.85 per \$1,000 of assessed value on property in the City for collection in the year 2011. For the five years following 2011 (i.e., the years 2012 – 2016), the proposition would also authorize use of a limit factor of 100% plus the percentage change in Consumer Price Index For All Urban Consumers for the Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton Area (1982-84 = 100) reported for the first six months of each respective levy year or the equivalent successor index as determined by the City Council. The proposition also would approve the use of the dollar amount of the 2016 levy for computing the maximum levy that may be imposed in years after 2016. Revenues from the property tax increases that would be authorized by the ballot proposition shall be used for the limited purposes of retaining public safety, parks, community and other governmental services, and, secondarily, to replenish the City's "rainy day" reserve fund and/or to restore positions and services previously eliminated due to the ongoing structural budget deficit and economic conditions.

**Section 3.** The proposition to be submitted to the electorate of the City shall read substantially as follows:

**CITY OF LAKE FOREST PARK  
PROPOSITION NO. 1  
LEVY FOR RETENTION OF BASIC PUBLIC SAFETY AND OTHER SERVICES**

*The City Council of the City of Lake Forest Park, adopted Resolution No. 1202 concerning voter approval of its regular property tax levy.*

To retain basic public safety, parks, community and other governmental services, *this proposition would* (1) increase the regular property tax levy above the limit factor, to a rate of \$1.85 per \$1,000 assessed value for collection in 2011; (2) increase the 2012-2016 levy amounts by the CPI inflation rate; and (3) authorize use of the 2016 levy amount as the base for computing levies in succeeding years; all as set forth in Resolution 1202.

*Should this proposition be approved?:*

**YES:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**NO:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Section 4.** The Mayor and City Attorney are authorized to make such minor adjustments to the wording of such proposition as may be recommended by the King County Records, Elections, and Licensing Services Division, as long as the intent of the proposition remains clear and consistent with the intent of this Resolution as approved by the City Council.

**Section 5.** The election will be held on Tuesday, August 17, 2010.

**Section 6.** In the event the proposition specified in Section 3 above is approved, the City Council shall levy and there shall be collected a regular tax on real property in the City at the rate of \$1.85 per \$1,000 assessed valuation for collection in 2011.

**Section 7.** The King County Records and Elections Division, as the City's ex officio Supervisor of Elections, is hereby requested to call and conduct said election on Tuesday, August 17, 2010, and submit to the qualified electors of the City the proposition set forth herein.

**Section 8.** The King County Records and Elections Division shall cause a notice of election substantially in the form attached as Exhibit "A" referred to herein, to be published at least once in a newspaper of general circulation within the City. Such publication shall take place not more than 10 days or less than three days prior to August 17, 2010

**Section 9.** The King County Records and Elections Division, as the City's ex officio Supervisor of Elections shall conduct the election, canvas the vote and certify the results in the manner provided by law.

**Section 10.** This resolution shall take effect five days after publication and posting as required by law.

**Section 11.** If any provision of this resolution is determined to be invalid or unenforceable for any reason the remaining provisions shall remain in force and affect.

**Section 12.** The findings of fact as set forth above are hereby incorporated by reference.

**PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL ON THE 22<sup>ND</sup> DAY OF APRIL 2010, BY A MAJORITY OF THE MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL.**

APPROVED:



DAVID R. HUTCHINSON, MAYOR

ATTESTED:



Susan Stine, City Clerk

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First Reading:	March 25, 2010
Second Reading:	April 8, 2010
Final Action:	April 22, 2010
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Published:	April 29, 2010

**EXHIBIT "A"**

**CITY OF LAKE FOREST PARK  
PROPOSITION NO. 1  
LEVY FOR RETENTION OF BASIC PUBLIC SAFETY AND OTHER SERVICES**

*The City Council of the City of Lake Forest Park, King County, Washington adopted Resolution No. 1202 concerning a proposition to increase the regular property tax levy for six years.*

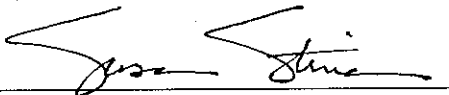
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*Should this proposition be approved?:*

**YES:** \_\_\_\_\_

**NO:** \_\_\_\_\_

**I, Susan Stine, do hereby certify that the attached document is a full and true copy of RESOLUTION 1202/A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF LAKE FOREST PARK, WASHINGTON, PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION OF A PROPOSITION TO THE QUALIFYING VOTERS OF THE CITY OF LAKE FOREST PARK AT THE AUGUST 2010 PRIMARY ELECTION FOR THEIR RATIFICATION OR REJECTION, PROVIDING FOR AUTHORITY TO LEVY AN INCREASE IN THE REGULAR PROPERTY TAX LEVY AT THE RATE OF \$1.85 PER \$1,000 OF ASSESSED VALUE WHICH IS IN EXCESS OF THE LIMIT FACTOR ESTABLISHED IN RCW 84.55.005 AND 84.55.010; SETTING FORTH THE BALLOT PROPOSITION; DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO CERTIFY TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR A CERTIFIED COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION; AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER MATTERS PROPERLY RELATED THERETO, as adopted.**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Susan Stine", written over a horizontal line.

Susan Stine, City Clerk  
City of Lake Forest Park, Washington

May 20, 2010