

CITY OF CARNATION

ORDINANCE NO. 851

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CARNATION, WASHINGTON, FIXING THE AMOUNT OF THE ANNUAL AD VALOREM PROPERTY TAX LEVY NECESSARY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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WHEREAS, the Carnation City Council has met and considered its budget for fiscal year 2015; and

WHEREAS, the Carnation City Council is required, pursuant to Chapter 35A.33 RCW, within the time therein specified, to adopt an ordinance fixing the amount of ad valorem taxes to be levied for the ensuing year; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with RCW 84.55.120 and Chapter 35A.33 RCW, the City Council held a public hearing on November 4, 2014, to consider budget issues, including revenue sources and possible increases in property tax revenues; and

WHEREAS, the City of Carnation's actual levy amount from the previous year was \$251,036; and

WHEREAS, the population of the City of Carnation is less than 10,000; and

WHEREAS, on July 15, 2014, the City Council passed Resolution No. 387, providing for the submittal to the qualified electors of the City of a proposition authorizing an increase in the regular property tax rate in excess of the increase otherwise allowed by Chapter 84.55 RCW, and designating that all revenues from said increase be utilized for police services; and

WHEREAS, said measure was submitted to the qualified electors as City of Carnation Proposition No. 1 at the November 4, 2014 general election; and

WHEREAS, at the time of passage of this ordinance, Proposition No. 1 is expected to be approved by a majority vote of said electors; and

WHEREAS, the City Council after hearing and duly considering all relevant evidence and testimony presented has determined that there is a substantial need for a regular levy in the amount of \$323,741, which includes an increase of \$72,705 in property tax revenue from the previous year as authorized by Proposition No. 1, and also reflects amounts resulting from the addition of new construction and improvements to property and any increase in the value of state-assessed property, and amounts authorized by law as a result of any annexations that have that have occurred and refunds made, in order to discharge the expected expenses and obligations of the City and in its best interest;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARNATION DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. 2015 Property Tax Levy. An increase in the regular property tax levy is hereby authorized for the levy to be collected in the 2015 tax year. The dollar amount of the increase over the actual levy amount from the previous year levy is \$72,509, which is a percentage increase of 28.88% from the previous year. This increase is exclusive of additional revenue resulting from the addition of new construction and improvements to property and any increase in the value of state assessed property, and any additional amounts resulting from any annexations that have occurred and refunds made. The total 2015 property tax levy authorized by this ordinance shall be \$323,741.

Section 2. Authorization for Adjustment Based Upon Election Results. The levy rate and amount set forth in Section 1 of this ordinance presume that City of Carnation Proposition No.1 will ultimately be approved by a majority of the qualified electors of the

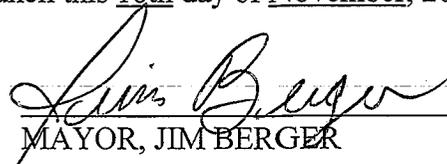
City when the November 4, 2014 election results are certified, and are contingent upon this assumption. If Proposition No. 1 is not approved by a majority of the qualified electors as determined by the certified election results, the City hereby authorizes an increase in the regular property tax levy to be collected in the 2015 tax year in accordance with this Section 2. The provisions of this Section 2 shall apply if, and only if, approval of City of Carnation Proposition No. 1 is not certified by the King County Elections Department by November 30, 2014.

The dollar amount of the increase over the actual levy amount from the previous year levy is \$2,509, which is a percentage increase of 1.00% from the previous year. This increase is exclusive of additional revenue resulting from the addition of new construction and improvements to property and any increase in the value of state assessed property, and any additional amounts resulting from any annexations that have occurred and refunds made. The total 2015 property tax levy authorized by this ordinance shall be \$253,741.

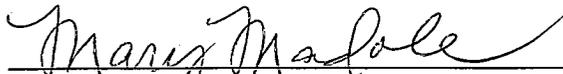
Section 3. Severability. If any section, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance should be held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of any other section, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance.

Section 4. Effective Date. This ordinance or a summary thereof consisting of the title shall be published in the official newspaper of the City, and shall take effect and be in full force five (5) days after publication.

APPROVED by the Carnation City Council this 18th day of November, 2014.

  
MAYOR, JIM BERGER

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATED:

  
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CITY CLERK, MARY MADOLE

APPROVED AS TO FORM:  
OFFICE OF THE CITY ATTORNEY:

BY   
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J. ZACHARY LELL

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