

A RESOLUTION of the Port of Tacoma Commission addressing the tax levy requirements pursuant to RCW 84.55.120 and RCW 84.55.092; and preserving the opportunity for a future increase in the limit factor for maximum levy capacity pursuant to RCW 84.55.0101.

WHEREAS, a public hearing on the revenue sources for the Port's 2018 current expense budget has been held by this Commission on November 14, 2017, and

WHEREAS, increases in regular property taxes imposed by the Port are limited by RCW chapter. 84.55 so that the regular property tax levy of the Port may only increase from year to year by an amount equal to the "limit factor" (plus increases permitted due to new construction and increases in value of state assessed property); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to RCW Sections 84.55.005 and 84.55.010, as amended, the limit factor for the Port's 2017 tax levy (2018 collection) is the lesser of one hundred one percent or one hundred percent plus inflation (the Limit Factor"); and

WHEREAS, the Port has been advised that based on inflation/deflation, the Port's limit factor for a levy increase this year would be limited to one hundred one hundredths percent (plus new construction and improvements to property) ("2017 Limit Factor") unless the Port Commission makes a finding of "substantial need" pursuant to RCW 84.55.0101; and

WHEREAS, the highest regular tax which could have been lawfully levied by the Port, beginning with the Port's 1985 levy, occurs in the year 2017 and is equal to \$24,993,244.19 ("Highest Levy Available") multiplied by the 2016 Limit Factor of one hundred and nine hundred fifty three hundred percent (as defined in RCW 84.55.005) is equal to \$24,993,244.19 ("Maximum Levy based on the Limit Factor"), and

WHEREAS, the Maximum Levy based on the Limit Factor may be increased by 2017 permitted add-ons (dollar increases in new construction and improvements, Increases in assessed value due to construction of wind turbine, solar, biomass, and geothermal facilities, if such facilities generate electricity and the property is not included elsewhere under chapter 84.55 RCW for purposes of providing an additional dollar amount, whether classified as real or personal property; improvements to property; and reclassified reforestation, annexations and refunds multiplied by 2017's levy rate) of \$332,311.83 (the "Add-On Levy"), and

WHEREAS, the Maximum Levy based on the Limit Factor, increased by the Add-On Levy would be equal to \$24,993,244.19, and

WHEREAS, RCW 84.55.070 provides that the levy limit will not apply to the levy for taxes refunded or to be refunded pursuant to Chapter 84.68 RCW, RCW 84.69.180, RCW 84.56.290 or the provisions of chapter 84.69 RCW, or otherwise attributable to state taxes lawfully owing by reason of adjustments made under RCW 84.48.080 in the amount of \$54,847.76.

WHEREAS, any increase in the Maximum Levy based on the Limit Factor, increased by the Add-On Levy in excess of the Limit Factor must be approved by a resolution, and

WHEREAS, RCW 84.55.120 provides that no increase in property tax revenue, other than that resulting from new construction and improvements to property, Increases in assessed value due to construction of wind turbine, solar, biomass, and geothermal facilities, if such facilities generate electricity and the property is not included elsewhere under chapter 84.55 RCW for purposes of providing an additional dollar amount, whether classified as real or personal property; improvements to property; and any increase in the value of State-assessed property (i.e. the "Add-On Levy"), may be authorized by a taxing district except by adoption of a separate resolution, pursuant to notice,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Port of Tacoma Commission, as follows:

Pursuant RCW 84.55.120, the Port Commission hereby authorizes a 2017 levy (2018 collection) in the amount of \$18,623,291 ("the 2017 Levy"). The 2017 Levy represents a increase from the 2016 Levy equal to 11.8% (\$1,963,777).

Pursuant to RCW 84.55.120 and RCW 84.55.092, to preserve future tax levy opportunities the Port Commission makes a finding of substantial need and approves the Maximum Levy, as herein described (based on the Limit Factor increased by the Add-On Levy and Levy for Refunds), equal to an aggregate dollar amount of \$24,993,244.19 which is \$600,608.60 greater than the dollar amount of the 2016 levy (for collection in 2017).

ADOPTED by a majority of the members of the Port of Tacoma Commission at a special meeting held on the **14th day of November 2017**, a majority of the members being present and voting on this resolution and signed by its President and attested by its Secretary under the official seal of said Commission in authentication of its passage this 14th day of November, 2017.

Richard Marzano, President
Port of Tacoma Commission

ATTEST:

Clare Petrich, Secretary
Port of Tacoma Commission

I, Clare Petrich, the duly chosen, qualified and Secretary of the Port of Tacoma Commission, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing resolution is a true and correct copy of Resolution No. 2017-09-PT of said Commission, duly adopted at a special meeting thereof, held on the **14th day of November, 2017**, and duly authenticated in open session by the signatures of the Commissioners present and voting in favor thereof and the seal of the Commission.

Clare Petrich, Secretary
Port of Tacoma Commission