

RESOLUTION NO. 139-97

A RESOLUTION SUBMITTING A BALLOT PROPOSITION TO THE MASON COUNTY AUDITOR TO AUTHORIZE A ONE-QUARTER OF ONE PERCENT REAL ESTATE EXCISE TAX TO BE USED SOLELY FOR THE PLANNING, CONSTRUCTION, RECONSTRUCTION, REPAIR, REHABILITATION, AND/OR IMPROVEMENT OF MASON COUNTY PARKS.

WHEREAS, RCW 82.46.035 (2) states “The legislative authority of any county or any city that plans under RCW 36.70A.040 (1) may impose an additional excise tax on each sale of real property in the unincorporated areas of the county for the county tax and in the corporate areas of the city for the city tax at a rate not exceeding one-quarter of one percent of the selling price. Any county choosing to plan under RCW 36.70A.040(2) and any city within such a county may only adopt an ordinance imposing the excise tax authorized by this section if the ordinance is first authorized by a proposition approved by a majority of the voters of the taxing district voting on the proposition at a general election held within the district or at a special election within the taxing district called by the district for the purpose of submitting such proposition to the voters.....”

WHEREAS, RCW 82.46.035 (3) states “Revenues generated from the tax imposed under subsection (2) of this section shall be used by such counties and cities solely for financing capital projects specified in a capital facilities plan element of a comprehensive plan....”

WHEREAS, RCW 82.46.035 (5) states “As used in this section, “city” means any city or town and “capital project” means those public works projects of a local government for planning, acquisition, construction, reconstruction, repair, replacement, rehabilitation, or improvement of streets, roads, highways, sidewalks, street and road lighting systems, traffic signals, bridges, domestic water systems, storm and sanitary sewer systems, and planning, construction, reconstruction, repair, rehabilitation, or improvement of parks.”

WHEREAS, Mason County desperately needs funds for the planning, construction, reconstruction, repair, rehabilitation, and/or improvement of its parks;

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NOW THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Mason County Commissioners that an election be held on February 3rd, 1998, for a proposition. The proposition shall ask:

Shall an additional excise tax be collected on each sale of real property in the unincorporated areas of Mason County at a rate not exceeding one-quarter of one percent of the selling price. Revenues collected from such tax shall be used solely for the planning, construction, reconstruction, repair, rehabilitation, and/or improvement of Mason County parks.


YES _____ NO _____

APPROVED this 2nd day of December, 1997.


BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS



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ATTEST:



Rebecca S. Rogers, Clerk of the Board

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Michael Clift, Chief Deputy Prosecutor