

**RESOLUTION NO. 92-07**

**A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE A SALES AND USE TAX AT THE RATE OF ONE TENTH OF ONE PERCENT FOR 911 EMERGENCY COMMUNICATION SYSTEMS AND FACILITIES BE PLACED ON A BALLOT**

**WHEREAS**, RCW 82.14.420 authorizes the Mason County Board of Commissioners to submit to the County voters a proposition for the imposition of a sales and use tax of one-tenth of one percent for the sole purpose of providing funds for the cost of financing, design, acquisition, construction, equipping, operating, maintaining, remodeling, repairing, reequipping, and improvement of emergency communication systems and facilities; and

**WHEREAS**, the County Commissioners have determined that relying on such a sales tax as the primary means of funding emergency communication systems and facilities (911) will result in a more equitable and stable source of funds for such systems and facilities than the current practice of relying primarily on real property taxes; and

**WHEREAS**, emergency communication systems and facilities (911) are essential to our communities when dealing with personal and community emergencies and natural disasters; and

**WHEREAS**, services provided by Mason County 911 are significantly utilized by visitors and others who may not own property or pay property taxes within the County; and

**WHEREAS**, a sales and use tax lessens the burden on property owners in Mason County and more equitably spreads the costs associated with emergency communication systems and facilities (911) to the user groups as a whole, including government entities and visitors purchasing goods within Mason County; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of County Commissioners of Mason County, Washington finds that imposition of such a sales tax will serve the public health, safety and welfare of its citizens and that a measure authorizing the tax should be placed before the qualified voters of the County.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

Section 1. The voters of Mason County shall decide whether to authorize a sales and use tax of one-tenth percent, in accordance with RCW 82.14.420, for the purpose of providing ongoing funds for costs associated with financing, design, acquisition, construction, equipping, operating, maintaining, remodeling, repairing, reequipping, and improvement of emergency communication systems and facilities.

Section 2. The Mason County Auditor is hereby directed to place upon the ballot for the general election to be held on November 6, 2007, a proposition substantially as follows:

**MASON COUNTY**  
**PROPOSITION NO. \_\_\_\_\_**  
**EMERGENCY COMMUNICATION SYSTEMS (9-1-1) SALES AND USE TAX**

This proposition concerns a sales and use tax for emergency communication systems (911). The proposition would authorize Mason County to impose a sales and use tax of one-tenth of one percent to provide ongoing funds for construction, equipping, operating, repairing and improving countywide emergency communication systems and facilities, commonly known as the 9-1-1 system.

Yes .....☐

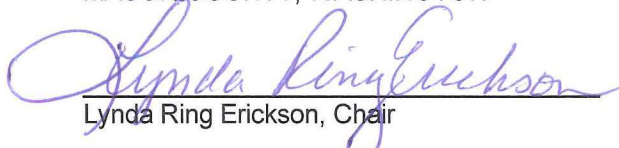
No.....☐

**RESOLVED** this 7th day of August, 2007.

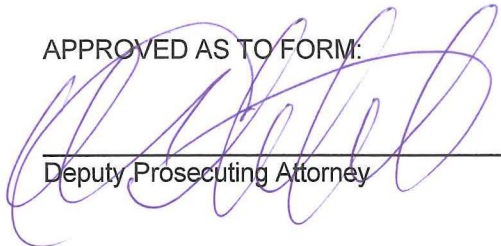
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
MASON COUNTY, WASHINGTON

ATTEST:

  
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Lynda Ring Erickson, Chair

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
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Deputy Prosecuting Attorney

  
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Tim Sheldon, Commissioner

  
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