

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-15

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING GRANT COUNTY'S PROPOSITION NO. 1 "GRANT COUNTY SALES AND USE TAX FOR CRIMINAL JUSTICE FUNDING" WHICH IS TO BE PRESENTED TO THE VOTERS AT THE GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 5, 2019 PROPOSING TO IMPOSE A SALES/USE TAX OF THREE TENTHS OF ONE PERCENT FOR CRIMINAL JUSTICE PURPOSES AS DEFINED IN RCW 82.14.340.

Recitals:

1. The City of Electric City has no jail facility and uses the Grant County Jail to house persons arrested in the City of Electric City; and
2. The Grant County Jail was built in 1986 and has been operating at 200% capacity since 1997; and
3. Because of the increased population in Grant County and corresponding criminal activity, a new jail is needed as well as the corresponding additional corrections staff, prosecutorial and defense staff, court clerks, and judicial staff; and
4. The proposed sales/use tax will be imposed on all taxable retail sales and uses within the County so that all tourists, visitors, and residents will contribute to the funds for criminal justice; and
5. A portion of the funds generated by the proposed sales/use tax will go to the City of Electric City for the purpose of funding criminal justice purposes, including providing additional police officers.
6. The Grant County Board of Commissioners has requested that the sales/use tax option be placed on the November 5, 2019 general election ballot pursuant to Grant County Resolution No. 19-055-CC which authorized Proposition No. 1 "Grant County Sales and Use Tax for Criminal Justice Funding"; and
7. This resolution has come before the Electric City Council at its meeting of August 13, 2019 with notice thereof given in the manner required by RCW 42.17A.555; and
8. At said meeting members of the City Council and members of the public in attendance were afforded an approximately equal opportunity for the expression of opposing views.

THE CITY OF ELECTRIC CITY COUNCIL DOES RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

The City Council of the City of Electric City supports Grant County's Proposition No. 1 "Grant County Sales and Use Tax for Criminal Justice Funding" for imposition of a sales and use tax of three tenths of one percent for criminal justice purposes as defined in RCW 82.14.340 which, if it passes, will raise monies in an equitable manner for the County and all cities within for criminal justice purposes.

Adopted by the City Council on August 13, 2019.



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John T. Nordine II, Mayor

ATTEST:



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Russell D. Powers,  
City Administrator – Clerk/Treasurer