

RESOLUTION 2019-50

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF COLUMBIA COUNTY DECLARING THE INTENT OF THE COUNTY TO ADOPT LEGISLATION TO AUTHORIZE A SALES AND USE TAX FOR AFFORDABLE AND SUPPORTIVE HOUSING IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1406 (CHAPTER 338, LAWS OF 2019).

WHEREAS, in the 2019 Regular Session, the Washington State Legislature approved, and the Governor signed, Substitute House Bill 1406 (Chapter 338, Laws of 2019) ("SHB 1406"); and

WHEREAS, SHB 1406 authorizes the governing body of a city or county to impose a local sales and use tax for the acquisition, construction or rehabilitation of affordable housing or facilities providing supportive housing, for the operations and maintenance costs of affordable or supportive housing, and for providing rental assistance to tenants; and

WHEREAS, the tax will be credited against state sales taxes collected within the County and, therefore, will not result in higher sales and use taxes within the County and will represent an additional source of funding to address housing needs in the County; and

WHEREAS, the tax must be used to assist persons whose income is at or below sixty percent of the County median income; and

WHEREAS, the County has an unmet need for affordable rental housing as well as supportive housing for people exiting homelessness and has determined that imposing the sales and use tax to address this need will benefit its citizens; and

WHEREAS, in order for a city or county to impose the tax, within six months of the effective date of SHB 1406, or January 27, 2020, the governing body must adopt a resolution of intent to authorize the maximum capacity of the tax, and within twelve months of the effective date of SHB 1406, or July 27, 2020, must adopt legislation to authorize the maximum capacity of the tax; and

WHEREAS, this resolution constitutes the resolution of intent required by SHB 1406; and

WHEREAS, the County Board of Commissioners now desires to declare its intent to impose a local sales and use tax as authorized by SHB 1406 as set forth herein;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF COLUMBIA COUNTY AS FOLLOWS:

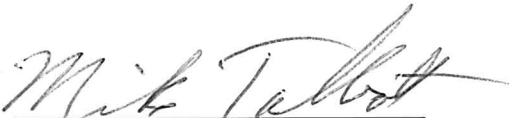
Section 1. Resolution of Intent. The County Board of Commissioners declares its intent to adopt legislation to authorize the maximum capacity of the sales and use tax authorized by SHB 1406 for affordable and supportive housing within one year of the effective date of SHB 1406, or by July 27, 2020.

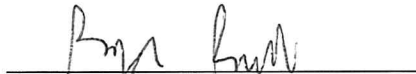
Section 2. Further Authority; Ratification. All County officials, their agents, and representatives are hereby authorized and directed to undertake all action necessary or desirable from time to time to carry out the terms of, and complete the actions contemplated by, this resolution. All acts taken pursuant to the authority of this resolution but prior to its effective date are hereby ratified.

Section 3. Effective Date. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage and adoption.

Passed by majority vote of the Columbia County Commissioners in open meeting this 18th day of November, 2019.

COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS


Michael Talbott, Chair



Ryan Rurdell, Commissioner


Charles Amerein, Commissioner

Approved as to form:


Dale Slack
Prosecuting Attorney

Attest:


Leanne Peters
Clerk of the Board