CITY OF STEVENSON, WASHINGTON
ORDINANCE NO. 2015-1088

AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY
AD VALOREM TAXES AND LEVIED FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016

WHEREAS, the City Council has given proper notice of a public hearing to be held Thursday, November 19, 2015, to consider the City’s Budget for fiscal year 2016,

WHEREAS, the provisions of RCW 35A.33.135, RCW 84.55.010, and WAC 458-19-005 require the City of Stevenson’s legislative body to fix by ordinance the amount to be raised by Ad Valorem taxes to be levied for the ensuing year and certify the same to the Board of County Commissioners,

WHEREAS, the Washington State legislature determined that upon the finding of substantial need, the City may increase property taxes by no more than 1% of the amount of regular property taxes lawfully levied for the highest of the past three most recent years exclusive of any increases in assessed value due to new construction, annexation, and increases in the assessed value of state-assessed property,

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that the City needs an estimated one percent (1%) increase in regular property tax revenue over the current year in addition to the increase resulting from the addition of new construction and improvements to property and annexation, and any increase in the value of state assessed utilities, and is reserving its rights to all remaining reserves based on any remaining banked capacity.

WHEREAS, the estimated amount to be raised by Ad Valorem taxes to be levied by the City of Stevenson is $431,419.41 which is a percentage increase of 1% over the preceding year (an absolute increase of $4,271.48) plus increases due to new construction, annexation, and increases in the amount of State Assessments (if any). Resolution 2015-284 specifically states the dollar increase and percentage change in the levy from the previous year as prescribed by RCW 84.55.120.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Stevenson do ordain that the Clerk of the City of Stevenson is directed to certify to the Board of County Commissioners of Skamania County, pursuant to the provisions of RCW 84.52.020, that the amount of property taxes to be levied by the City of Stevenson for the fiscal year 2016 is $431,419.41, plus increases due to new construction, annexation, and increases in the amount of State Assessments (if any).

Passed by the City Council this 19th day of November 2015.

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Frank Cox, Mayor

ATTEST:                                                                 APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Nick Hogan, City Clerk

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Kenneth B Woodrich, PC
City Attorney