

ORDINANCE NO. 40-20

AN ORDINANCE of the City of Richland relating to the increase in the calendar year 2021 ad valorem property tax levy over the amount levied in the previous year.

WHEREAS, the Richland City Council has met and considered its budget for the calendar year 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Richland City Council, after hearing, and after duly considering all relevant evidence and testimony presented, has determined that the City of Richland requires an increase in property tax revenue from the previous year, in addition to increases resulting from the addition of new construction, annexation, refunds and improvements to property and any increase in the value of State-assessed property, in order to discharge the expected expenses and obligations of the City of Richland and in its best interest; and

WHEREAS, the City of Richland's actual regular levy amount from the previous year was \$17,748,204; and

WHEREAS, the population of the City of Richland is more than 10,000.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City of Richland as follows:

Section 1. An increase in the regular property tax levy is hereby authorized for the levy to be collected in the 2021 tax year. The dollar amount of the increase over the actual levy amount from the previous year shall be one hundred seventy-seven thousand, four hundred eighty-two dollars (\$177,482) which is a percentage increase of one percent (1%) from the previous year. This increase is exclusive of additional revenue resulting from new construction, improvements to property, newly constructed wind turbines, any increase in the value of State-assessed property, any annexations that have occurred and refunds made.

Section 2. The City Clerk is hereby directed to provide a certified copy of this Ordinance to the Benton County Board of Commissioners and the Benton County Assessor.

Section 3. This Ordinance shall become effective on the day following the date of its publication in the official newspaper of the City of Richland.

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PASSED by the City Council of the City of Richland, Washington, at a regular meeting on the 3rd day of November, 2020.



Ryan Lukson, Mayor

Attest:



Jennifer Rogers, City Clerk

Approved as to form:



Heather Kintzley, City Attorney

Date Published: November 8, 2020