

RESOLUTION #488

A RESOLUTION of the Town of Twisp, Washington, providing for the submission to the qualified electors of the Town at a primary election to be held within the Town on August 16, 2011, a ballot proposition increasing the sales and use tax by one-tenth of one percent, in which one-third of the money received must solely be used for criminal justice purposes or fire protection or both as provided in RCW 82.14.450(5).

WHEREAS, the Washington state legislature has enacted RCW 82.14.450 for the purposes of allowing local governments to raise revenue, of which one-third (1/3) of any tax revenue received must be used solely for criminal justice purposes, fire protection purposes, or both; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of Twisp, Washington, has determined that it is in the best interest of the Town residents and the public at large to propose in the upcoming primary election on August 16, 2011, a ballot proposition increasing the sales and use tax in the amount of one-tenth of one percent (0.1%) of the selling price in the case of sales tax, or value of the article used in the case of use tax. The Town Council further finds that the imposition of such increase in the sales and use tax will benefit Town residents and the general public by providing additional funding for the enhanced delivery of law enforcement services, fire protection services, or both, which would positively impact the safety and security of all citizens, Town residents and the general public.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Town Council of the Town of Twisp, Washington, as follows:

Section 1. In accordance with the above recitals, the Town Council has found that it is in the best interest of the Town residents and the general public to propose on the upcoming primary election on August 16, 2011, a ballot proposition increasing the sales and use tax by 0.1%, from 7.7% to 7.8%, on the selling price in the case of sales tax, or value of the article used in the case of use tax.

Section 2. The proposition to be submitted to the Town voters will be used to pay the costs of providing at least one-third (1/3) of the funding for criminal justice purposes or fire protection purposes, or both, and to maintain funds sufficient to assure the continuation of such services, and the increase in sales and use tax to be effective as of January 1, 2012.

Section 3. It shall be submitted to the qualified voters of the Town for their approval or rejection, at the primary election on August 16, 2011, the question of whether or not such sales and use tax shall be increased.

Section 4. The County Auditor of the County of Okanogan is hereby instructed to place on the ballot the following proposition:

SALES AND USE TAX LEVY WITHIN THE TOWN OF TWISP TO BE USED AT LEAST ONE-THIRD (1/3) FOR CRIMINAL JUSTICE PURPOSES OR FIRE PROTECTION PURPOSES OR BOTH, TO BE EFFECTIVE AS OF JANUARY 1, 2012.

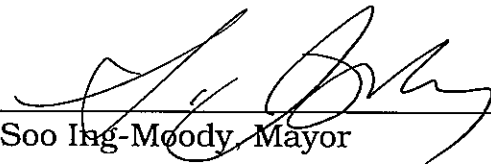
Shall the Town of Twisp be allowed to impose an increase in sales and use tax in the amount of 0.1% on the selling price in the case of sales tax, or the value of the article used in the case of use tax, and such revenue to be used by the Town at least one-third (1/3) for criminal justice purposes or fire protection purposes, or both, to be effective as of January 1, 2012.

Section 5. If the above proposition passes by the margins and in the manner provided for in RCW 35.27.100, the Town shall initiate the increase in sales and use tax effective as of January 1, 2012.

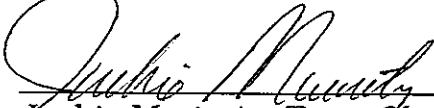
Section 6. This resolution shall be in effect on the date it is passed by the Town Council, approved by the Mayor and attested to by the Town Clerk in authentication of such passage.

PASSED by the Town Council of the Town of Twisp, Washington, approved by the Mayor and attested to by the Town Clerk this 10th day of May, 2011.


APPROVED:


Soo Ing-Moody, Mayor

ATTEST:


Jackie Moriarty, Town Clerk-Treasurer

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


W. Scott DeTro, Town Attorney