

Subject: Ordinance #1489 – Adoption of Property Tax Levy for 2017

Proposed Council Action:

This is scheduled for First Reading. Set A public hearing for November 15, 2016. After the public hearing, Ordinance #1489 Will be considered for adoption.

Dept. Origin: Mayor’s Office

Prepared by: Jennifer Robertson, City Attorney’s Office

For Agenda of: October 18, 2016

Exhibits: Ordinance #1489 and Levy Certification

Initial & Date

Concurred by Mayor: _____

Approved by City Planner: _____

Approved as to form by City Atty: JSR/10-27-15

Approved by Finance Director: _____

INFORMATION / BACKGROUND

As part of the budget process, Ruston will consider a budget and the revenue sources for City operations and capital expenses. As part of that process, the City is required to hold a public hearing on this topic.¹ The public hearing and the budget and revenue sources is currently scheduled to coincide with Second Reading on November 15, 2016.

Ruston is required to adopt its property tax levy in November of each year by ordinance and transmit a certified copy of the ordinance to Pierce County Assessor-Treasurer and to the Pierce County Council no later than November 30th.² A Levy Certification must also be transmitted with the Ordinance. The attached Ordinance #1489 and Levy Certification are attached for Council review and consideration.

Adoption of this Ordinance should be scheduled on the agenda for after the public hearing on the budget and revenue during the meeting on **November 15, 2016**.

FISCAL CONSIDERATION

Although this levy ordinance increases the property taxes levied by Ruston by the maximum amount allowed by law (one percent plus new construction, etc.), due to refunds during 2016, the increased amount will actually be less than was actually collected in 2016. The total estimated 2017 levy amount is **\$450,521.55**, which includes

¹ RCW 84.55.120.

² RCW 35A.33.135; 84.52.020; 35A.33.135.

additional property tax estimated from new construction (**\$28,110.08**) and the estimated additional revenue from the increase in state-assessed property (**\$0.00**). In 2016, the City collected \$450,944.07.

BOARD OR COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

None.

RECOMMENDATION / MOTION

None. This is scheduled for first reading. The City's budget and revenue hearing will be scheduled for November 15, 2016. After the close of that hearing, the Council will consider adoption of this levy ordinance (Ordinance #1489).

ORDINANCE NO. 1489

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF RUSTON,
WASHINGTON, ESTABLISHING THE AMOUNT OF
PROPERTY TAXES TO BE LEVIED FOR THE YEAR 2017,
LEVYING AN INCREASE OF THE REGULAR PROPERTY
TAX LEVY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$0.0 (ZERO DOLLARS)
FOR 2017, AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Ruston held meetings on October 18, 2016, November 1, 2016, and November 15, 2016 and considered its budget for the 2017 calendar year; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with RCW 84.55.120, on November 15, 2016, the City held a public hearing on revenue sources for the 2017 budget, including considering of possible increases in property tax revenues; and

WHEREAS, the public hearing was held prior to the passage of this Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the estimated valuation of all taxable property within the City of Ruston is \$201,850,129, exclusive of valuations resulting from new construction, improvements to property, or refunds made; and

WHEREAS, the City's actual levy amount from the previous year was Four Hundred Fifty Thousand Nine Hundred Forty Four Dollars and Seven Cents (\$450,944.07); and

WHEREAS, the City Council attests that the City's population is less than 10,000; and

WHEREAS, on October 18, 2016, the City Council held the first reading on this Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, on November 15, 2016, the City Council adopted this Ordinance during its regular meeting at second reading after holding the public hearing; **NOW, THEREFORE**

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RUSTON DOES HEREBY ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. An increase in the regular property tax levy is hereby authorized for the levy to be collected in the 2017 tax year.

Section 2. The dollar amount of the increase over the actual levy amount from the previous year shall be Zero Dollars and Zero Percent (0%) over 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. The amount of additional revenue from new construction with an assessed value of \$9,845,056 is Twenty Eight Thousand One Hundred Ten Dollars and Eight Cents (\$28,110.08). Additional revenue from the levy for taxes refunded as per RCW 84.68 or 84.69 is Zero Dollars (\$0.0).

Section 3. Ordinance filing required. The City Clerk is directed to transmit a certified copy of this ordinance to the Office of the Auditor of the State of Washington, Division of Municipal Corporations. The City Clerk is further directed to transmit a certified copy of this ordinance to both the Pierce County Assessor-Treasurer and to the Pierce County Council, Attention Clerk, on or before November 30, 2016.

Section 4. Recertification authorized. The City Clerk is further directed to timely file any recertification needed after receipt of the final adjusted year-end values in December from the Pierce County Assessor-Treasurer. Such recertification, if needed, shall be filed no later than December 26, 2016.

Section 5. Effective date. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force five (5) days after passage and legal publication.

ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Ruston and attested by the City Clerk in authentication of such passage on this 15th day of November, 2016.

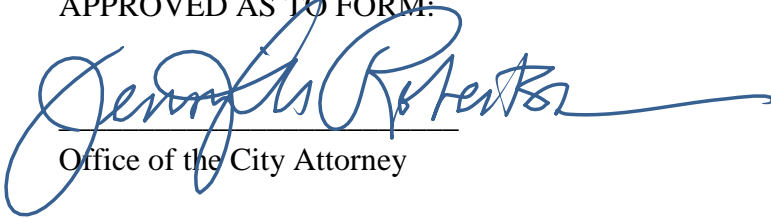
APPROVED by the Mayor this 15th day of November, 2016.

Bruce Hopkins, Mayor

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATED:

Judy Grams, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Office of the City Attorney

FILED WITH THE CITY CLERK: _____

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL: _____

PUBLISHED: _____

EFFECTIVE DATE: _____

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