

ORDINANCE NO. 1475

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF RUSTON,
WASHINGTON, ESTABLISHING THE AMOUNT OF
PROPERTY TAXES TO BE LEVIED FOR THE YEAR 2016,
LEVYING AN INCREASE OF THE REGULAR PROPERTY
TAX LEVY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,559.12 FOR 2015, AND
ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Ruston held meetings on October 20, 2015, November 3, 2015, and November 17, 2015 and considered its budget for the 2016 calendar year; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with RCW 84.55.120, on November 17, 2015, the City held a public hearing on revenue sources for the 2016 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 \$158,013,509, 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 Thousand Nine Hundred Twenty Nine Dollars and Eighty Five Cents (\$400,929.85); and

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

WHEREAS, on October 20, 2015, the City Council held the first reading on this Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, on November 17, 2015, 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 2016 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 \$20,038,430 is Fifty Eight Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty Seven Dollars and Ninety Five Cents (\$58,757.95). Additional revenue from the levy for taxes refunded as per RCW 84.68 or 84.69 is Thirty Two Thousand Seven Hundred Fourteen Dollars and Ninety One Cents (\$32,714.91).

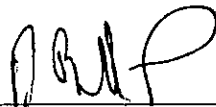
Section 3. Ordinance filing required. The City Clerk is directed to transmit a certified copy of this ordinance to the Office of the Auditor of the State of Washington, Division of Municipal Corporations. The City Clerk is further directed to transmit a certified copy of this ordinance to both the Pierce County Assessor-Treasurer and to the Pierce County Council, Attention Clerk, on or before November 30, 2015.

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, 2015.

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 17th day of November, 2015.

APPROVED by the Mayor this 17th day of November, 2015.



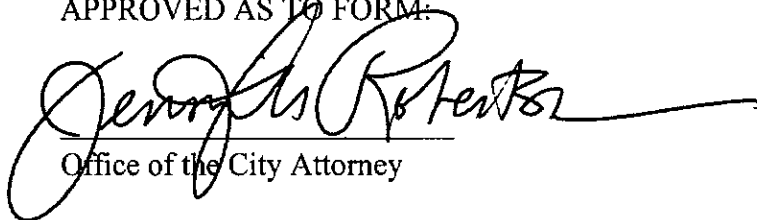
Bruce Hopkins, Mayor

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: _____
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