

**RESOLUTION NO. R2018-017**

A **RESOLUTION** of the City of Tumwater, Washington, providing for the submission of a proposition to the qualified voters of the City of Tumwater at a general election to be held on November 6, 2018, for the approval or rejection of the creation of a metropolitan park district pursuant to Chapter 35.61 RCW.

**WHEREAS**, the City currently acquires, operates and maintains its parks lands and recreational facilities and programs substantially using general fund dollars; and

**WHEREAS**, the provision of parks, open spaces, recreation programs and facilities is an important function of city government and increases the quality of life within a city; and

**WHEREAS**, the City's general fund cannot support the ongoing costs of operation, maintenance and acquisition of new park lands, recreational facilities and staffing at a level which will meet the growing needs and desires of the citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Tumwater has conducted community-wide citizen surveys to determine the needs and priorities for parks and recreation services and facilities; and

**WHEREAS**, the Tumwater City Council has appointed a diverse citizens task force to study survey results, park and recreation planning documents and the future needs of the community; and

**WHEREAS**, the Tumwater City Council has reviewed the task force recommendations and approved a funding plan for the creation of a metropolitan park district; and

**WHEREAS**, Chapter 35.61 RCW allows the City to create a metropolitan park district (MPD) wholly within its corporate limits; and

**WHEREAS**, an established MPD has the authority to levy a maximum of \$.75 per \$1,000 assessed property value to provide desired parks and recreation services in the City of Tumwater; and

**WHEREAS**, RCW 35.61.050 gives cities the authority to pass a resolution calling for an election on the creation of a MPD and stating the name of the proposed MPD and how it will be governed; and

**WHEREAS**, RCW 35.61.050 provides that when the boundaries of a MPD will be the same as a city's corporate limits, the city council may serve as the ex officio board of parks commissioners; and

**WHEREAS**, the City desires to have these funds expand maintenance, create new facilities and operate those facilities, the intent is that these funds supplement, not supplant, existing parks and recreation funds; and

**WHEREAS**, in order to minimize the impact of cuts in services to citizens using Tumwater parks and recreation facilities and programs, and in order to maximize the ability of the City to acquire and construct additional parks and recreational facilities in the future, the City Council desires to place a proposition on the ballot during the General Election on November 6, 2018, which calls for the creation of a MPD pursuant to Chapter 35.61 RCW;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TUMWATER AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1. Proposed Metropolitan Park District.** The Tumwater City Council proposes that a metropolitan park district be created, that the district be called, "Tumwater Metropolitan Park District," that its boundaries be the same as the Tumwater corporate limits, and that the Tumwater City Council serves as the ex officio board of parks commissioners. The Tumwater Metropolitan Park District would impose a property tax in the amount of \$.45 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation for the first five years and \$.75 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation thereafter. Upon approval of the voters of the proposition hereinafter set forth, the district may use proceeds of such property tax for the purpose of paying or financing the costs of district projects and operations.

**Section 2. Call for Election.** Pursuant to RCW 35.61.020, the City Council hereby requests that the Thurston County Auditor include in the local voters' pamphlet produced as part of the November 6, 2018 General Election, in the manner provided by law, for the purpose of submitting to the qualified voters of the City of Tumwater, Washington, Proposition No. 1, asking whether a metropolitan park district should be created and setting the property tax rate.

**Section 3. Auditor to Administer Election.** The Thurston County Auditor, as ex officio supervisor of elections in Thurston County, Washington, is hereby requested to assume jurisdiction of and to call and conduct such election to be held within the City on November 6, 2018, and to submit to the qualified electors of the City the proposition hereinafter set forth. The Thurston County Auditor is authorized to make corrections to the Ballot Title necessary to comply with Washington State Law.

**Section 4. Official Ballot Proposition.** The City Clerk is hereby directed, no later than 4:30 p.m. on August 7, 2018, to certify the following proposition, together with the required Resolution Cover Sheet, to the Thurston County Auditor in substantially the following form, with such changes as may be approved by the City Attorney:

CITY OF TUMWATER  
PROPOSITION NO. 1  
FORMATION AND FUNDING OF  
NEW TUMWATER METROPOLITAN PARK DISTRICT

City of Tumwater Resolution No. R2018-017 concerns formation of the Tumwater Metropolitan Park District.

The proposition would create the Tumwater Metropolitan Park District to provide ongoing funding to acquire, maintain, operate and improve parks, trails, recreational facilities, and programs; set district boundaries as the city's corporate limits; designate City Council as park board with all powers set forth in 35.61 RCW; and set the maximum general tax levy rate at \$.75 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation beginning with \$.45 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation for the first five years.

Shall the Tumwater Metropolitan Park District be so created and governed?

- ( ) For the formation of the Tumwater Metropolitan Park District, to be governed by the Tumwater City Council as the ex officio board of parks commissioners.
- ( ) Against the formation of a metropolitan park district.

**Section 5. Ratification.** Any act consistent with the authority and prior to the effective date of this Resolution is hereby ratified and affirmed.

**Section 6. Severability.** The provisions of this Resolution are declared separate and severable. The invalidity of any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, section, or portion of this Resolution or the invalidity of the application thereof to any person or circumstance, shall not affect the validity of the remainder of the Resolution, or the validity of its application to other persons or circumstances.

**Section 7. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption and signature as provided by law.

**RESOLVED** this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2018.

CITY OF TUMWATER

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Pete Kmet, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Melody Valiant, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Karen Kirkpatrick, City Attorney