

ORDINANCE NO. 774

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF UNIVERSITY PLACE, WASHINGTON,
REQUESTING THE PIERCE COUNTY ASSESSOR TO LEVY PROPERTY TAXES FOR
THE YEAR 2024**

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of University Place has met and considered its budget for 2024; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of University Place has properly given notice of the public hearing held November 6, 2023, to consider the City of University Place Property Tax Levy; and

WHEREAS, the City Council adopted Resolution 1005 which placed a levy lid lift on the April 25, 2023 ballot with the following question for voters to consider:

**CITY OF UNIVERSITY PLACE – Proposition 1
Levy Lid Lift for Dedicated Law Enforcement Funding**

The University Place City Council adopted Resolution No. 1005, authorizing a proposition funding eight additional patrol and traffic officers, and a specialist addressing homelessness, park safety and crime prevention. The proposition increases the City's current property tax levy from \$0.660672963 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation to \$1.01 per \$1,000 in 2024. This levy would be used to compute limitations for subsequent levies. Taxpayers qualifying for an exemption under RCW 84.36.381 would be exempt from the increase.

Should this proposition be approved?

YES

NO

WHEREAS, the election was held on April 25, 2023, and on May 5, 2023, the Pierce County Auditor certified the results of the April 2023 special election; and

WHEREAS, University Place's Proposition 1 was approved by voters with 52.50% voting in favor of the increased property tax; and

WHEREAS, by operation of law, the only available levy to the City of University Place is the amount approved by the voters in the April 2023 special election; and

WHEREAS, the maximum annual increase for general government purposes of 1.0% is unavailable as a result of the passage of Proposition 1; and

WHEREAS, the City's actual levy amount from the previous year was \$4,678,340.18; and

WHEREAS, the population of the City is more than 10,000;

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF UNIVERSITY PLACE,
WASHINGTON DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. An increase in the regular property tax levy shall be imposed as mandated by Proposition 1, approved at the April 25, 2023 Special Election.

Section 2. The City of University Place requests the Pierce County Assessor-Treasurer levy the ballot measure on the City's behalf.

Section 3. Severability. The provisions of this ordinance are declared separate and severable. The invalidity of any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, section, or portion of this ordinance or the invalidity of the application thereof to any person or circumstance, shall not affect the validity of the remainder of the ordinance, or the validity of its application to other persons or circumstances.

Section 4. Effective Date and Publication. A summary of this Ordinance consisting of its title shall be published in the official newspaper of the City. This ordinance shall become effective five days after publication.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL ON NOVEMBER 6, 2023.

Steve Worthington, Mayor

ATTEST:

Emelita J. Genetia, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Matthew S. Kaser, City Attorney

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Effective Date: 11/13/23