

ORDINANCE NO. 15-1065

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BLACK DIAMOND, WASHINGTON, RELATING TO THE GENERAL PROPERTY TAX LEVY AND SPECIFYING THE INCREASE CALCULATED BY KING COUNTY BASED ON LAST YEARS ACTUAL LEVY COMMENCING ON JANUARY 1, 2016 WITH CERTAIN CHANGES REQUIRED BY KING COUNTY IN THE MANNER IN WHICH THE AMOUNTS ARE CALCULATED. SUCH PROPERTY TAX LEVY SHALL APPLY TO ALL PROPERTY BOTH REAL AND PERSONAL, SUBJECT TO TAXATION, FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING REVENUE FOR PUBLIC SAFETY FOR THE CITY OF BLACK DIAMOND, ALL AS REQUIRED BY LAW, AND ESTABLISHING THE EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Black Diamond has met and considered its budget for the calendar year 2016; and

WHEREAS, the Council thereafter gave notice of public hearings and held public hearings on November 5, 2015, and November 19, 2015, and

WHEREAS, the City adopted the estimated Preliminary assessed valuation of \$659,406,716, and

WHEREAS, the City's actual King County levy amount from the previous year was \$1,453,547; and

WHEREAS, the population of the City is less than 10,000; and

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLACK DIAMOND, KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON, ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. **Levy and Percentage of Increase.** An increase in the regular property tax levy is hereby authorized for the levy to be collected in the 2016 tax year. The dollar amount of the increase over the actual levy amount authorized from King County for the previous year shall be \$11,251.00, which is a percentage increase of .77% from the previous year. This increase is exclusive of additional revenue resulting from new construction, improvements to property, newly constructed wind turbines, and any increase in the value of state assessed property, any annexations that have occurred and refunds made.

Section 2. **Severability.** Should any section, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance, or its application to any person or circumstance, be declared unconstitutional or otherwise invalid for any reason, or should any portion of this ordinance be preempted by State

or Federal law or regulations, such decisions or preemptions shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance or its application to other persons or circumstances.

Section 3. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall be published in the official newspaper of the City, and shall take effect and be in full force five (5) days after the date of publication.

PASSED by the Council and approved by the Mayor of the City of Black Diamond, Washington, this 19th day of November, 2015.



Carol Benson, Mayor

Attest:



Brenda L. Martinez, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Carol Morris, City Attorney

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