

## RESOLUTION NO. 2025-20

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ELLENSBURG supporting Kittitas Valley Healthcare (KVH) Hospital Proposition No. 1, which would authorize collection in 2026 of a maximum regular property levy rate of 75 cents per \$1,000 of assessed value, for the purpose of preserving and expanding local healthcare services, as proposed in the August 5, 2025, special election.

WHEREAS, Section 70.44.060 RCW authorizes public hospital districts to levy regular property taxes at a rate of up to 75 cents per \$1,000 of assessed value for purposes of operating and maintaining the hospital and healthcare facilities and services of the public hospital district;

WHEREAS, in 2024, KVH levied regular property taxes at the rate of .01396 cents per \$1,000 of assessed value;

WHEREAS, KVH is the only hospital serving approximately 48,000 residents in Kittitas County and is essential to maintaining the health, safety, and well-being of our community;

WHEREAS, KVH is a public hospital district, established by local citizens and governed by community-elected officials, with no shareholders or outside investors—ensuring that every dollar generated is reinvested directly into local healthcare services;

WHEREAS, Passage of Hospital Proposition 1 will:

- 1) Protect around-the-clock labor and delivery services for Kittitas County families and support approximately one birth per day, allowing families to receive care from familiar, trusted providers close to home;
- 2) Allow KVH to invest in competitive salaries, education, and professional development opportunities that attract and retain skilled healthcare professionals, growing and maintaining local careers right here in Kittitas County; and
- 3) Ensure KVH remains a lifeline for Central Washington, strengthening access to high-quality care, supporting local jobs, and building a healthier future; and

WHEREAS, equal time to receive public comment from citizens in support of, or opposition to, Ballot Proposition No. 1 was made available at the City's Council's regularly scheduled meeting on July 21, 2025;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Ellensburg, Washington, as follows:

**Section 1.** The City Council of the City of Ellensburg hereby declares its support for and encourages approval of Hospital Proposition No. 1, entitled "Levy Lid Lift for Health Care Services," which will be presented to the voters at the August 5, 2025, special election.

ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Ellensburg at a regular meeting on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of July, 2025.

Attest:

  
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Mayor

  
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City Clerk