

ORDINANCE NO. 4974

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ELLENSBURG, WASHINGTON, LEVYING PROPERTY TAXES FOR THE CITY OF ELLENSBURG FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING JANUARY 1, 2026, ON ALL PROPERTY IN SAID CITY WHICH IS SUBJECT TO TAXATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING SUFFICIENT REVENUE TO CARRY ON GENERAL OPERATIONS, RECOGNIZE VOTER APPROVED LEVIES AND PAY DEBT SERVICE OBLIGATIONS OF SAID CITY AS REQUIRED BY LAW.

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Ellensburg adopted Ordinance 4592 in 2011 establishing a two-year fiscal biennial budget process as provided in Chapter 35A.34 RCW; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Ellensburg has met and considered its budget for 2025-2026 biennial budget pursuant to RCW 84.55.120; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to RCW 84.55.120, the City Council of the City of Ellensburg held a duly advertised public hearing on November 3, 2025, to consider possible increases in property tax revenue for the calendar year 2026; and

WHEREAS, the City's actual levy amount from previous year was \$3,724,812.23; and

WHEREAS, the population of the city is more than 10,000,

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Ellensburg, Washington do hereby ordain as follows:

Section 1. General Tax Levy for 2026. An increase in the regular property tax levy is hereby authorized for the levy to be collected in the 2026 tax year. The dollar amount of the increase over the actual levy amount from previous year shall be \$37,248.12, which is a percentage increase of 1% from previous year as authorized by RCW 84.55.005. This increase is exclusive of additional revenue resulting from new construction, improvements to property, newly constructed wind turbines, solar, biomass, and geothermal facilities, and any increase in the value of the state assessed property, any annexations that have occurred and refunds made.

Section 2. Majority Approval. This ordinance was passed by a majority of the entire Council.

Section 3. Transmittal to Auditor. A certified copy of this Ordinance shall be transmitted to the Kittitas County Assessor's Office and to the Clerk of the Kittitas County Commissioners, and such other governmental agencies as provided by law.

Section 4. Severability. If any portion of this ordinance is declared invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion(s) of this ordinance.

Section 5. Corrections. Upon the approval of the City Attorney, the City Clerk and the codifiers of this ordinance are authorized to make necessary corrections to this ordinance including, but not limited to, the correction of scrivener's/clerical errors, references, ordinance numbering, section/subsection numbers and any references thereto.

Section 6. Effective Date. This ordinance, being an exercise of a power specifically delegated to the City legislative body, is not subject to referendum, and shall take effect five (5) days after passage and publication of the ordinance or a summary thereof consisting of the title.

The foregoing ordinance was passed and adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council on the 17th day of November 2025.

ATTEST:



MAYOR



CITY CLERK

Approved as to form:



CITY ATTORNEY

Publish: 11-20-25

I, Beth Leader, City Clerk of said City, do hereby certify that Ordinance No. 4974 is a true and correct copy of said Ordinance of like number as the same was passed by said Council, and that Ordinance No 4974. was published as required by law.



BETH LEADER