

RESOLUTION 1064

CITY OF LACEY

A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION OF A PROPOSITION TO THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF THE CITY OF LACEY 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, recreational facilities and programs is an important function of city government and increases the quality of life within a city; and

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

WHEREAS, Chapter 35.61 RCW allows the City to create a metropolitan park district (MPD); and

WHEREAS, RCW 35.61.050 gives cities the authority to pass a resolution calling for an election on the creation of an 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 an 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, 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 Lacey; and

WHEREAS, the City has identified projects to meet specific goals of the Parks and Recreation Comprehensive Plan by only levying a maximum of \$.47 per \$1,000 assessed property value; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to utilize these funds to expand maintenance, create new facilities, and operate those facilities, the intent being to use these funds to supplement, not supplant, existing parks and recreation funds; and

WHEREAS, in order to minimize the impact of cuts in services to citizens using Lacey 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 Lacey City Council desires to place a proposition on the ballot during the General Election on November 6, 2018, which calls for the creation of an MPD pursuant to Chapter 35.61 RCW;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LACEY, WASHINGTON as follows:

Section 1. Proposed Metropolitan Park District. The Lacey City Council proposes that a metropolitan park district be created, that the district be called, "Lacey Metropolitan Park District," that its boundaries be the same as the Lacey corporate limits, and that the Lacey City Council serves as the ex officio board of parks commissioners. While state law authorizes an established metropolitan park district to levy a maximum of \$.75 per \$1,000 assessed valuation, the Lacey Metropolitan Park District would only impose a property tax in an amount up to \$.47 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation. 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 Lacey 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 Lacey, Washington, Proposition No. 1, asking whether a metropolitan park district should be created and governed.

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

City of Lacey Proposition No. 1 concerns formation of the Lacey Metropolitan Park District, a metropolitan park district.

This proposition would create the Lacey 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 the Lacey City Council as ex officio board of parks commissioners with all powers set forth in Chapter 35.61 RCW; and authorize the park board to set the maximum general tax levy rate at an amount up to \$.47 per \$1,000 assessed valuation.

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

() For the formation of the Lacey Metropolitan Park District, to be governed by the Lacey City

Council as 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.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LACEY, WASHINGTON,
this 21st day of July, 2018.

CITY COUNCIL

By Andy D. Snyder
Mayor

Attest:

Approved as to form:

Peter Edmondson
City Clerk

[Signature]
City Attorney