

ORDINANCE NO. 3276

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PORT TOWNSEND, WASHINGTON, FIXING AND ADOPTING 2022 PROPERTY TAX LEVIES FOR THE GENERAL LEVY WITH A TOTAL INCREASE OF ONE PERCENT (1.00%), LEVY OF \$602,610 OF BANKED CAPACITY WITH AN INCREASE OF THIRTY-NINE AND 5/10 PERCENT (39.50%) AND A VOTER-APPROVED TAX LEVY FOR THE MOUNTAIN VIEW COMMONS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS OF \$150,000 FOR THE UNLIMITED TAX GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS

WHEREAS, as provided by and pursuant to RCW 84.55.120 and other applicable statutes, the City of Port Townsend has properly given notice of the public hearing held on November 1, 2021, to consider the City of Port Townsend's General Fund, Contingency Fund, Library Fund, Affordable Housing Fund, Community Services Fund, Debt Service Fund and Firemen Pension Fund budget for the 2022 calendar year, pursuant to RCW 84.55.120; and

WHEREAS, RCW 84.52.070 requires the City to certify to the County the amount of taxes to be levied upon the property within the City by November 30th of each year; and,

WHEREAS, at the February 10, 2015 special election, the citizens of Port Townsend approved an additional property tax of \$0.1005 per \$1,000 of assessed property value for improvements to the Mountain View Commons facility and to repay any interim financing used for those improvements; and,

WHEREAS, at the February 12, 2019 special election, the citizens of Port Townsend and the East Jefferson Fire Protection District No. 1 approved the annexation of the City of Port Townsend into the East Jefferson Fire Protection District No. 1; and

WHEREAS, per the fire annexation agreement, the City Council reduced its 2021 property tax levy by \$908,724, which represents the approximate amount the City's general fund would have paid for fire protection services by the East Jefferson Fire Protection District and is considered "banked capacity" for the City of Port Townsend; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the fire annexation, responsibility for levying the EMS levy and the Fire/EMS levy lid lift transfers to East Jefferson Fire Protection District No. 1; and

WHEREAS, the City intends to levy "banked capacity" of \$602,610 to fund infrastructure for local roads and parks and trail projects; and

WHEREAS, the City of Port Townsend, after hearing, and after duly considering all relevant evidence and testimony presented, has determined that the City of Port Townsend requires an increase in real property tax revenue from the previous year, in addition to the increase in the value of state-assessed property, in order to discharge the expected expenses and obligations of the City of Port Townsend and in its best interest;

NOW THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Port Townsend do ordain as follows:

Section 1. That an increase in the regular property tax levy of 1.0%, in addition to any amount resulting from the addition of new construction and improvements to property and any increase in the value of state-assessed property, and any increase due to re-levying for any refunds made in the previous year and the addition of \$602,610 of banked capacity, is hereby authorized for the 2022 levy in amounts as follows:

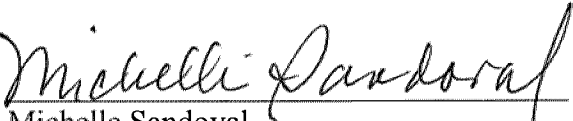
1.1. There is hereby levied upon all taxable property in the City of Port Townsend, for the year of 2022, the sum of \$3,294,017 as a general tax levy, which is a percentage increase of 1.0% (\$26,648) and an increase of 39.5% (\$602,610) of banked capacity from the previous year, in addition to any amount resulting from the addition of new construction and improvements to property and any increase in the value of state-assessed property, and any increase due to re-levying for any refunds and cancellations/supplementals made in the previous year.

1.2. In addition to the above, there is hereby levied upon all taxable property in the City of Port Townsend, for the year of 2022, the sum of \$150,000 for the 2015 Unlimited Tax General Obligation Bonds approved by voters in February 2015 for capital improvements at the Mountain View Commons, which is a tax levy at approximately \$0.068945 per \$1,000 assessed value.


Section 2. If any provision of this Ordinance or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the ordinance, or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances, is not affected.

Section 3. This Ordinance shall take effect upon its passage, approval, and publication in the form and manner provided by law.


ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Port Townsend, Washington, at a regular meeting thereof, held this 22nd day of November 2021.


Michelle Sandoval
Mayor

Attest:


Joanna Sanders, MMC
City Clerk

Approved as to form:


Heidi Greenwood
City Attorney