

City of Cheney, Washington
609 Second Street
Cheney, WA 99004

**CITY OF CHENEY, WASHINGTON
RESOLUTION E-040**

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE SPOKANE COUNTY AUDITOR TO PLACE ON THE PRIMARY ELECTION THE RENEWAL OF THE FOUR PERCENT (4.0%) RESIDENTIAL STREET UTILITY ON GROSS REVNEUE FOR ELECTRICAL ENERGY AND NATRUAL GAS BUSINESSES WHICH IS FOUR PERCENT (4%) ABOVE THE OTHERWISE MAXIMUM RATE OF TEN AND THREE/QUARTERS PERCENT (10.75%), WITH THE TAX PROCEEDS BEING USED SOLELY FOR REPAIR OF STREETS AND SIDEWALKS, AND WITH THE TAX REVERTING BACK TO TEN AND THREE/QUARTERS (10.75%) PERCENT AFTER A FOURTEEN YEAR PERIOD.

WHEREAS, RCW 35.21.870 allows the City to impose a tax on the privilege of conducting an electrical energy, natural gas, steam energy or telephone business at a rate that exceeds six percent if first approved by a majority of the voters of the City voting on such propositions;

WHEREAS, the City was authorized to impose an additional four percent (4%) tax as approved by the voters of the City during a primary election held on September 15, 1998;

WHEREAS, the an additional four and three/quarters percent (4.75%) tax was authorized pursuant to Resolution C-862 for parks and recreation purposes; and

WHEREAS, the City of Cheney has inadequate financial resources to provide for much needed repairs to its existing residential streets and sidewalks and without said resources the City will be unable to adequately maintain the long-term structural integrity of the City's residential streets and sidewalks which could adversely affect motorists and pedestrians alike from safely and efficiently traveling throughout the City's residential neighborhoods.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IS HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHENEY, WASHINGTON, that the County Auditor be asked to place on the Primary Ballot to be held August 7, 2012, as specified in RCW 29A.04.311 the following question:

SHALL THE CITY OF CHENEY RENEW THE TAX ON ELECTRICAL ENERGY AND NATURAL GAS BUSINESSES TO A TOTAL TAX RATE OF FOURTEEN AND THREE/QUARTERS PERCENT OF GROSS REVENUE, BEING FOUR PERCENT ABOVE THE OTHERWISE AUTHORIZED RATE OF TEN AND THREE/QUARTERS PERCENT, WITH THE PROCEEDS FROM THE RENEWAL BEING USED TO REPAIR STREETS AND SIDEWALKS, WITH THE TAX REVERTING TO TEN AND THREE/QUARTERS PERCENT AFTER A FOURTEEN YEAR PERIOD.

YES

NO

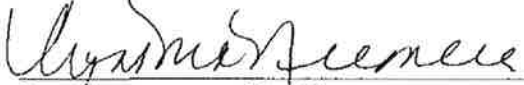
AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Clerk is directed to forward a copy of this resolution to the Spokane County Auditor and the Spokane County Commissioners.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHENEY WASHINGTON, this 8th day of May, 2012, and signed in authentication of its passage on this 8th day of May, 2012.



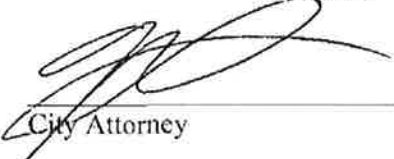
Tom Trulove, Mayor

ATTEST:



Cynthia Niemeier, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



City Attorney

REQUEST

To: The Election Board of Spokane County, Washington

And

Vicky M. Dalton, Auditor and Ex-Officio Supervisor of
Elections of Spokane County, Washington and
Mike McLaughlin, Spokane County Elections Manager

Pursuant to Resolution No. E-040, adopted by the City Council of the City of Cheney, Spokane County, Washington, at a regular session held on the 8 day of May, 2012, a copy of which is hereto attached and by reference made a part hereof, you are respectfully requested to submit the following proposition to the electors of the City of Cheney, Spokane County, Washington, at the primary election to be held on the 7th day of August, 2012.

BALLOT TITLE

PROPOSITION SUBMITTED BY THE CHENEY CITY COUNCIL FOR RENEWAL OF
RESIDENTIAL STREET UTILITY TAX

Shall the City of Cheney renew the tax on electrical energy and natural gas business to a total tax rate of fourteen and three/quarters percent of gross revenue, being four percent above the otherwise authorized rate of ten and three/quarters percent, with the proceeds from the renewal being used to repair streets and sidewalks, with the tax reverting to ten and three/quarters percent after a fourteen year period

YES

NO

Dated this 8th day of May, 2012.