

RESOLUTION NO. 2097

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BONNEY LAKE, PIERCE COUNTY, WASHINGTON, OPPOSING PIERCE TRANSIT PROPOSITION 1, A SALES AND USE TAX INCREASE.

WHEREAS, a special election will be held February 8, 2011 to vote on Pierce Transit Proposition 1, which proposition would add additional three-tenths of one percent (0.3%) sales and use tax to provide additional funding for Pierce Transit; and

WHEREAS, the City of Bonney Lake is the fifth (5th) largest of Pierce County's twenty (20) cities and towns, and the sales tax collections in the City of Bonney Lake in behalf of Pierce Transit contribute approximately \$2,000,000.00 annually to Pierce Transit; and

WHEREAS, the Bonney Lake City Council wishes to take action at an open public meeting to express a collective decision to oppose Proposition 1 for a variety of reasons; and

WHEREAS, required notice of the Council's intent to take a position has been given by publishing such ballot proposition title and number on the Council's Agenda;

NOW THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Bonney Lake, Washington, does hereby resolve as follows:

Section 1: The City Council hereby opposes Pierce Transit Proposition 1 for the following reasons:

- A. In addition to Pierce Transit, Washington State and its local governments, including Bonney Lake, have experienced a significant decline in sales tax revenues since the recession began. Those public agencies have responded by economizing, instituting efficiencies, and otherwise reducing service levels as needed to match available revenues. The citizens of Bonney Lake are strapped. Everyone is working hard to cut costs to make ends meet. Pierce Transit should be no exception.
- B. A permanent sales tax increase will slow economic recovery. Pierce Transit is advised to do all it can to institute more efficiency and effectiveness measures with its current revenue base. This is not the time to propose a sales tax increase.
- C. Even if Proposition 1 passes, the nominal transit service Bonney Lake receives would be reduced over previous levels, despite the fact that the community currently contributes an estimated \$2,000,000.00 to Pierce Transit annually, and the contribution would increase to \$3,000,000.00 if Proposition 1 passed. To date, the City Council has not seen a good return on investment of the transit dollars provided to Pierce Transit to date. Bonney Lake wants to see transit service to small cities in outlying areas of the county improved before committing additional resources in the form of a sales tax increase.

D. Pierce Transit has not yet done enough to re-invent an efficient and effective public transit system using current funding sources. Proposition 1 is an attempt to band-aid what is broken. Pierce Transit should go back to the drawing board and redesign a transit system that truly serves the entire county that funds it.

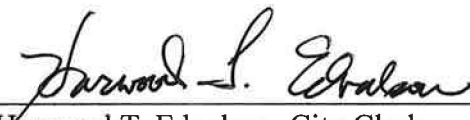
Section 2: The City Council encourages all citizens to study the relative advantages, disadvantages, and costs of increasing the sales tax to provide additional funding for Pierce Transit; and further encourages all registered voters to exercise their right to vote on the matter according to their individual findings as the benefit of Pierce Transit Proposition 1, and the impacts of such a decision upon the City of Bonney Lake. After due deliberation and study, the current city council members unanimously encourage all registered voters to vote NO on Proposition 1 – Pierce Transit sales and use tax increase. .

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY BY THE CITY COUNCIL this 25th day of January, 2011.



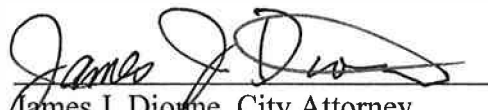
Neil Johnson, Jr., Mayor

ATTEST:



Harwood T. Edvalson, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



James J. Dionne, City Attorney

City of Bonney Lake, Washington
City Council Agenda Bill (AB)

Department/Staff Contact: Exec. / Don Morrison	Meeting/Workshop Date: 25 January 2011	Agenda Bill Number: AB11-16
Agenda Item Type: Motion	Ordinance/Resolution Number: 2097	Councilmember Sponsor:

Agenda Subject: Voicing Opposition to Pierce Transit Proposition 1 - Sales and Use Tax Increase

Full Title/Motion: A Motion Of The City Council Of The City Of Bonney Lake, Pierce County, Washington, Opposing Pierce Transit Proposition 1, A Sales And Use Tax Increase.

Administrative Recommendation:

Background Summary: A special election will be held February 8, 2011 to vote on Pierce Transit Proposition 1, which proposition would add additional three-tenths of one percent (0.3%) sales and use tax to provide additional funding for Pierce Transit. Due to the economy and various transit service issues, the Council is considering whether to formally voice opposition to the ballot measure.
Attachments: Resolution No. 2097

BUDGET INFORMATION			
Budget Amount	Current Balance	Required Expenditure	Budget Balance
Budget Explanation: This measure does not directly impact the City's budget, but the additional 0.3% sales tax increase would tax Bonney Lake area residents approximatley \$1 million more per year for transit service.			

COMMITTEE, BOARD & COMMISSION REVIEW			
Council Committee Review:	<i>Approvals:</i>		Yes No
Date:	Chair/Councilmember NAME		<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
	Councilmember NAME		<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
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Forward to:	Consent	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Commission/Board Review:			
Hearing Examiner Review:			

COUNCIL ACTION	
Workshop Date(s): January 18, 2011	Public Hearing Date(s):
Meeting Date(s):	Tabled to Date:

APPROVALS		
Director:	Mayor:	Date Reviewed by City Attorney: (if applicable):