

ORDINANCE NO. 2457

AN ORDINANCE providing for the submission to the voters of the City of Camas of a proposition authorizing an excess property tax levy at the rate of \$0.35 per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation for six (6) consecutive years commencing in 2007 for the purpose of funding an Emergency Medical Services Program.

WHEREAS, the City of Camas has, in conjunction with the City of Washougal, Clark County Fire Protection District No. 1, and Clark County Fire Protection District No. 9, operated a combined Emergency Medical Services Program, and

WHEREAS, the funding for said program expires at the end of 2006 and additional funds will thereafter be required to continue said Emergency Medical Services Program, and

WHEREAS, Clark County Fire Protection District No. 1 and Clark County Fire Protection District No. 9 have combined into one fire district, and

WHEREAS, the elected officials of said cities and the fire districts have agreed that it will be desirable to continue such Emergency Medical Services Program, and

WHEREAS, there will not be sufficient funds from general taxation to pay the City's pro-rata share of the cost of said Emergency Medical Services Program, and

WHEREAS, it will be necessary to submit a proposition to the voters of the City of Camas for an excess property tax levy as authorized by RCW 84.59.069, now, therefore,

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CAMAS DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section I

The Council of the City of Camas hereby declares a need exists requiring the calling of an election, and the County Auditor of Clark County, Ex-Officio Supervisor of Elections for said county, is hereby requested to find and declare the existence of a need for an election. Said County Auditor is further requested and directed to call and conduct an election in the City of Camas in the manner provided by law, to be held therein on November 7, 2006, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. (Pacific Daylight Time) for the purpose of submitting to the electors of the City of Camas for their approval or rejection, a question whether or not a tax levy shall be made upon all the taxable property within the limits of the City of Camas at the rate of \$0.35 per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation in excess of the maximum tax levy provided by law for Non-Charter Code Cities, the proceeds thereof to be used for the sole purpose of continuing the operation and maintenance of the Emergency Medical Services Program.

Section II

The "Ballot Title" of the aforesaid proposition shall be as follows:

PROPOSITION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

EMERGENCY MEDICAL PROGRAM EXCESS LEVY

Shall the City of Camas levy an emergency medical services property tax levy of \$0.35 per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation for six (6) consecutive years commencing in 2007 with the proceeds thereof to be used to continue provision of emergency medical services?

TAX LEVY, Yes . . .

TAX LEVY, No . . .

Section III

The City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to certify said proposition to the Supervisor of Elections for Clark County, Washington, forthwith and as provided by law.

Section IV

The County Supervisor of Elections and/or the City Clerk is hereby authorized, directed and empowered to cause notices of such election to be given for the time and in the manner and form provided by the laws of the State of Washington, and the ordinances of the City of Camas, and to take all other steps necessary and proper to bring about and carry on such election.

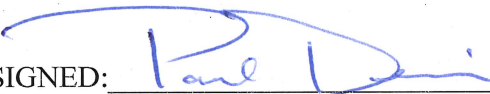
Section V

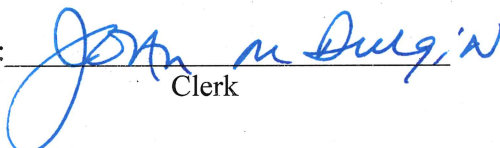
This ordinance shall be effective only if the Emergency Medical Program Excess Levy submitted to the voters on the special election for September 19, 2006, fails to obtain the necessary sixty percent (60%) affirmative votes required for passage.

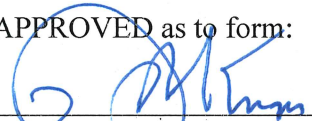
Section VI

The City Council hereby declares that this ordinance is a public emergency ordinance necessary for the protection of public health and public safety and therefore directs that this ordinance be effective upon adoption.

PASSED by the Council and APPROVED by the Mayor this 18<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2006.

SIGNED:   
Mayor

ATTEST:   
Clerk

APPROVED as to form:  
  
City Attorney