

CITY OF PROSSER, WASHINGTON

RESOLUTION NO. 03-1166

A RESOLUTION PLACING A REQUEST ON THE GENERAL ELECTION TO ALLOW THE UTILITY TAX FOR THE PRIVILEGE OF CONDUCTING ELECTRICAL ENERGY, NATURAL GAS, STEAM ENERGY, OR TELEPHONE BUSINESS TO A RATE NOT EXCEEDING TWO PERCENT OF GROSS REVENUE ABOVE THE OTHERWISE ALLOWED MAXIMUM RATE OF SIX PERCENT (6%) WHICH TWO PERCENT (2%) INCREASE SHALL BE USED TO MAINTAIN THE CURRENT NUMBER OF POLICE OFFICER POSITIONS IN THE CITY OF PROSSER OR SUCH ADDITIONAL POLICE OFFICER POSITIONS AS MAY BE NECESSARY IN THE FUTURE.

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 (6%) if first approved by a majority of voters of the City voting on such propositions; and

WHEREAS, the City of Prosser has inadequate funds to continue to staff the police department at current levels and without continued and increased utility tax revenue, the City will be forced to make a reduction in force to eliminate three police officer positions, and

WHEREAS, a vital and interactive police force is necessary to provide the service expected by the citizens of Prosser and is necessary to attract new residents, businesses, and industries for the continued growth and prosperity of the City,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Prosser that the County Auditor shall place on the General Election to be held on November 4, 2003, the following question:

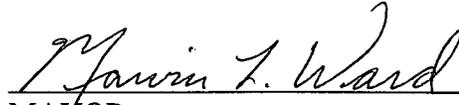
"SHALL THE CITY OF PROSSER INCREASE THE TAX ON THE PRIVILEGE OF CONDUCTING AN ELECTRICAL ENERGY, NATURAL GAS, STEAM ENERGY, OR TELEPHONE BUSINESS TO A RATE NOT EXCEEDING TWO PERCENT (2%) OF GROSS REVENUE OVER AND ABOVE THE PRESENT TAX OF SIX PERCENT (6%) WITH SUCH INCREASED REVENUE TO BE USED SOLELY TO MAINTAIN THE CURRENT NUMBER OF POLICE OFFICER POSITIONS IN THE CITY OF PROSSER OR SUCH ADDITIONAL POLICE OFFICER POSITIONS AS MAY BE NECESSARY IN THE FUTURE?"

YES _____

NO _____

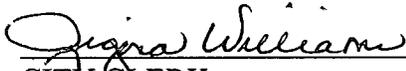
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Clerk/Finance Director is directed to forward a copy of this resolution to the Benton County Auditor and the Benton County Commissioners.

ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Prosser and **APPROVED** by the Mayor of the City of Prosser this 26th day of August, 2003



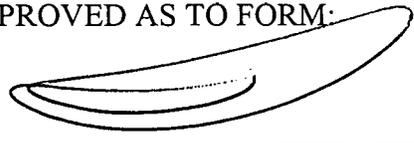
MAYOR

ATTEST:



CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



CITY ATTORNEY

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