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December 20, 2012

Ms. Vicky Dalton  
Spokane County Auditor  
County Courthouse  
1116 W. Broadway  
Spokane, WA 99260

RE: CITY OF SPOKANE RESOLUTIONS: RES 2012-0105, RES 2012-0106, AND  
RES 2012-0107

Enclosed for your records are certified copies of the above-referenced resolutions requesting the Spokane County Auditor to hold a Special Election on February 12, 2013, in conjunction with the scheduled special election. In addition, enclosed are copies of Ordinance C34941, which relates to Resolution 2012-0105, and Ordinance C34950, which relates to Resolution 2012-0107.

I hereby certify the form of the proposition referenced under Resolution 2012-0105, as follows:

**PROPOSITION NO. 1**

**CITY OF SPOKANE**

**AMENDMENT TO CITY CHARTER REGARDING A  
POLICE OMBUDSMAN AND COMMISSION**

This proposition will amend the Spokane City Charter by adding two new sections to provide for the establishment of an Office of Police Ombudsman, a Police Ombudsman Commission and the independent investigative authority of both entities, as set forth in Ordinance No. C - 34941.

Should this measure be enacted into law?

Yes .....

No .....

I also hereby certify the form of the proposition referenced under Resolution 2012-0106, as follows:

**CITY OF SPOKANE  
PROPOSITION NO. 3  
LIBRARY OPERATIONS LEVY**

The City of Spokane adopted Resolution No. 2012-0106, providing for an increase in the regular property tax levy in Excess of State law beginning in 2014 in which the funding would be allocated one hundred percent for Library operations. This proposition authorizes an increase in the regular property tax levy for 2014 by \$0.07 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation for a levy rate not to exceed \$3.08. The increase in the property tax levy would remain in effect for a period of four years.

Should this proposition be approved?

YES .....

NO .....

In addition, I hereby certify the form of the proposition referenced under Resolution 2012-0107, as follows:

**PROPOSITION NO. 2  
CITY OF SPOKANE  
AMENDMENT TO CITY CHARTER REGARDING CITY COUNCIL  
APPROVAL OF TAXES**

This proposition will amend the Spokane City Charter by adding a new section to require that, after March 1, 2013, any "new councilmanic tax," as defined in Ordinance No. C-34950 may be levied or increased only by a majority plus one vote of the City Council; all as set forth in Ordinance No. C-34950.

Should this measure be enacted into law?

Yes .....

No .....

Please advise if you need anything additional regarding the placement of this matter on the February 12, 2013, ballot. Thank you for your services.

Sincerely,



Terri L. Pfister, MMC  
Spokane City Clerk

Enclosures

c: Mayor David A. Condon  
City Council  
City Administrator Theresa Sanders  
Elections Manager Mike McLaughlin  
City Attorney Nancy Isserlis  
Assistant City Attorney Mike Piccolo



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City Clerk File No.:  
RES 2012-0105  
ORD C34941

COUNCIL ACTION MEMORANDUM

RE: RESOLUTION 2012-0105 and FINAL READING ORDINANCE C34941 REGARDING THE OFFICE OF POLICE OMBUDSMAN (both deferred from December 3, 2012)

During its 6:00 p.m. Legislative Session held Monday, December 17, 2012, the Spokane City Council considered Resolution 2012-0105 and Final Reading Ordinance C34941 regarding the Office of Police Ombudsman. Council Member Salvatori noted there are some additional changes and modifications to Ordinance C34941 since it was first dropped as legislation. He provided an overview of the amended version (as filed with the City Clerk on December 17, 2012), and he requested the Council adopt the amended version. Subsequently, the following action was taken:

**Motion** by Council Member Salvatori, seconded by Council Member Allen, to adopt the amended version of Ordinance C34941; **carried 6-1 (Council Member Snyder voting "no")**.

Council Member Salvatori presented remarks on the matters. Public testimony was received and Council comment was held. Subsequently, the following action was taken:

**Upon Unanimous Roll Call Vote**, the City Council adopted **Resolution 2012-0105** requesting the Spokane County Auditor to hold a special election on February 12, 2013, in conjunction with the scheduled special election to submit to the voters of the City of Spokane a proposition regarding an amendment to the Spokane City Charter regarding the Office of Police Ombudsman, a Police Ombudsman Commission and the independent investigative authority of both entities and **passed Final Reading Ordinance C34941, as amended**, submitting a ballot proposition to the voters of the City of Spokane to amend the Charter of the City of Spokane by adding two new sections regarding the Office of Police Ombudsman, the Police Ombudsman Commission, the independent investigative authority of both entities and other related powers.

Terri L. Pfister, MMC  
City Clerk



**Agenda Sheet for City Council Meeting of:**  
11/26/2012

<b>Date Rec'd</b>	11/14/2012
<b>Clerk's File #</b>	RES 2012-0105
<b>Renews #</b>	
<b>Cross Ref #</b>	ORD C34941
<b>Project #</b>	
<b>Bid #</b>	
<b>Requisition #</b>	

<b>Submitting Dept</b>	CITY COUNCIL
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<b>Agenda Item Type</b>	Resolutions
<b>Agenda Item Name</b>	0320 OMBUDSMAN LEGISLATION

**Agenda Wording**

A resolution requesting the Spokane County Auditor to hold a special election on February 12, 2013 in conjunction with the scheduled special election to submit to the voters of the City of Spokane a proposition regarding an amendment to the Spokane City Charter regarding the Office of Police Ombudsman, a Police Ombudsman Commission and the independent investigative authority of both entities.

**Summary (Background)**

The City has been pursuing the establishment of a police ombudsman for several years, including the enactment of various ordinances and negotiation with the Spokane Police Guild. The City Council desires to provide the citizens an opportunity to vote to amend the City Charter to include a provision establishing the Office of Police Ombudsman (OPO) and a Police Ombudsman Commission, and other related provisions. Pursuant to Section 125 of the City Charter, the City Council, on its own motion, may submit a charter amendment proposition to the voters for their approval or rejection. This resolution sets forth the ballot proposition and the request that the Spokane County Auditor's Office place the proposition on the February 12, 2013 special election. If approved, the charter amendment would go into effect when the election results are certified.

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<b>Division Director</b>		<b>Other</b>	Public Safety 11/19/12
<b>Finance</b>	LESESNE, MICHELE	<b>Distribution List</b>	
<b>Legal</b>	PICCOLO, MIKE	<i>MPiccolo - Legal</i>	
<b>For the Mayor</b>	FEIST, MARLENE		
<b>Additional Approvals</b>			
<b>Purchasing</b>			

ADOPTED BY SPOKANE CITY COUNCIL

on  
12/17/12  
*Lynn A. Hester*  
SPOKANE CITY CLERK

RES 2012-0105

RESOLUTION NO. 2012 - 0105

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE SPOKANE COUNTY AUDITOR TO HOLD A SPECIAL ELECTION ON FEBRUARY 12, 2013 IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE SCHEDULED SPECIAL ELECTION TO SUBMIT TO THE VOTERS OF THE CITY OF SPOKANE A PROPOSITION REGARDING AN AMENDMENT TO THE SPOKANE CITY CHARTER REGARDING THE OFFICE OF POLICE OMBUDSMAN, A POLICE OMBUDSMAN COMMISSION AND THE INDEPENDENT INVESTIGATIVE AUTHORITY OF BOTH ENTITIES.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 125 of the City Charter, the City Council, of its own motion, may submit to popular vote for adoption or rejection at any election, proposed amendments to the City Charter; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined, pursuant to its authority set forth in Section 125 of the City Charter, that an amendment to the City Charter regarding the Office of Police Ombudsman, a Police Ombudsman Commission and the independent investigative authority of both entities should be submitted to the voters of the City for their adoption or rejection on the February 12, 2013 scheduled special election; and

WHEREAS, RCW 29A.04.330 requires the City to transmit to this resolution calling for a special election to the Spokane County Auditor by December 28, 2012.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Spokane, pursuant to Section 125 of the City Charter, that:

1) the Spokane County Auditor is hereby requested pursuant to RCW 29A.04.330 to call a special municipal election to be held in conjunction with the scheduled special election to be held on February 12, 2013 for the purpose of submitting to the voters of the City of Spokane for their approval or rejection the following proposition:

**PROPOSITION NO. 1**

**CITY OF SPOKANE**

**AMENDMENT TO CITY CHARTER REGARDING A  
POLICE OMBUDSMAN AND COMMISSION**

This proposition will amend the Spokane City Charter by adding two new sections to provide for the establishment of an Office of Police Ombudsman, a Police Ombudsman Commission and the independent investigative authority of both entities, as set forth in Ordinance No. C – 34941.

Should this measure be enacted into law?

Yes .....

No .....

2) the City Clerk is directed to deliver a certified copy of this resolution, along with Ordinance No. C – 34941 to the Spokane County Auditor no later than December 28, 2012.

Adopted December 17, 2012

*Leri J. Pfeister*  
City Clerk

Approved as to form:

*Michael P. Piroch*  
Assistant City Attorney



DATE: December 20, 2012

I HEREBY CERTIFY THIS IS A TRUE AND ACCURATE COPY OF THE ORIGINAL WHICH IS ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK.

*Leri J. Pfeister*  
CITY CLERK  
SEAL: CITY OF SPOKANE  
COUNTY OF SPOKANE  
STATE OF WA



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December 20, 2012

City Clerk File No.:  
RES 2012-0106

COUNCIL ACTION MEMORANDUM

RE: RESOLUTION 2012-0106 PROPOSING INCREASE IN THE REGULAR PROPERTY TAX LEVY FOR LIBRARY OPERATIONS

During its 6:00 p.m. Legislative Session held Monday, December 17, 2012, the Spokane City Council considered Resolution 2012-0106. Council President Stuckart requested a motion to accept the latest version of Resolution 2012-0106 that was filed with the City Clerk's Office (earlier today, on December 17) which has the added language on the four-year sunset and has it going from a 10-cent levy lid lift to a 7-cent levy lid lift. Subsequently, the following action was taken:

**Motion** by Council Member Allen, seconded by Council Member Salvatori, to so move [to accept the latest version of Resolution 2012-0106 that was filed with the City Clerk's Office (earlier today, December 17)]; **carried unanimously.**

Council President Stuckart then provided an overview of Resolution 2012-0106, as amended. Subsequent to public testimony and Council comment, the following action was taken:

**Upon Unanimous Roll Call Vote**, the City Council **adopted Resolution 2012-0106, as amended**, proposing an increase in the regular property tax levy for a period of four years beginning in 2014 in an amount exceeding the limitations of Chapter 84.55 RCW to provide funding for library operations; providing for the submission of the proposition to the qualified electors of the City at a special election; requesting the Spokane County Auditor to hold a special election for the proposition on February 12, 2013, in conjunction with the scheduled special election; and providing for other matters properly related thereto.

Terri L. Pfister, MMC  
City Clerk



**Agenda Sheet for City Council Meeting of:**  
12/10/2012

<b>Date Rec'd</b>	11/28/2012
<b>Clerk's File #</b>	RES 2012-0106
<b>Renews #</b>	
<b>Cross Ref #</b>	
<b>Project #</b>	
<b>Bid #</b>	
<b>Requisition #</b>	

<b>Submitting Dept</b>	CITY COUNCIL
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<b>Contact E-Mail</b>	BSTUCKART@SPOKANECITY.ORG
<b>Agenda Item Type</b>	Resolutions
<b>Agenda Item Name</b>	0320 LIBRARY LEVY LID LIFT

**Agenda Wording**

A resolution of the City of Spokane proposing an increase in the regular property tax levy in an amount exceeding the limitations of Chapter 84.55 RCW to provide funding for library operations; providing for the submission of the proposition to the qualified electors of the City at a special election; requesting the Spokane County Auditor to hold a special election for the proposition on February 12, 2013 in conjunction with the scheduled state special election; declaring an emergency; and providing for other matters properly related thereto.

**Summary (Background)**

RCW 84.55.050 provides for an election to raise the regular annual property taxes above the limit factors in that chapter by a simple majority election. To place this measure on the February 12, 2013 special election, the City Council must pass and deliver this resolution to the county elections office prior to December 28, 2012. The levy lid lift proposes an increase in the regular property tax rate beginning in 2014 of \$.10 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation to provide for library funding.

**Fiscal Impact**

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**Approvals**

<b>Dept Head</b>	WESTFALL, JENNIFER
<b>Division Director</b>	
<b>Finance</b>	LESESNE, MICHELE
<b>Legal</b>	BURNS, BARBARA
<b>For the Mayor</b>	SANDERS, THERESA

**Council Notifications**

<b>Study Session</b>	
<b>Other</b>	
<b>Distribution List</b>	<i>M. Piccobe - Legal</i>

**Additional Approvals**

<b>Purchasing</b>	

ADOPTED BY SPOKANE CITY COUNCIL

on  
12/17/12  
*Sam J. Roberts*  
SPOKANE CITY CLERK

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-0106

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF SPOKANE PROPOSING AN INCREASE IN THE REGULAR PROPERTY TAX LEVY FOR A PERIOD OF FOUR YEARS BEGINNING IN 2014 IN AN AMOUNT EXCEEDING THE LIMITATIONS OF CHAPTER 84.55 RCW TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR LIBRARY OPERATIONS; PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION OF THE PROPOSITION TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY AT A SPECIAL ELECTION; REQUESTING THE SPOKANE COUNTY AUDITOR TO HOLD A SPECIAL ELECTION FOR THE PROPOSITION ON FEBRUARY 12, 2013 IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE SCHEDULED SPECIAL ELECTION; AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER MATTERS PROPERLY RELATED THERETO.

WHEREAS, the City of Spokane, Washington, (the "City") is a first-class city duly organized and existing under and by virtue of the Constitution and the laws of the state of Washington and its City Charter; and

WHEREAS, the City has authority to enact a regular annual property tax levy and such other levy or levies as may be approved by the electorate, subject to applicable limitations thereon, as required by law; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 84.55 RCW reflects a limitation that the annual rate of increase of the dollar amount of the regular property tax levy set by the City Council may not exceed the lesser of the rate of inflation or one percent, all as further reflected in Chapter 84.55 RCW; and

WHEREAS, RCW 84.55.050 permits an election to authorize a levy above the limit factor specified in Chapter 84.55 RCW, upon majority approval by the voters, subject to any otherwise applicable statutory dollar rate limitation, said election to be held not more than twelve months prior to the date on which the proposed excess levy is to be made, except as further provided in said statute for multi-year levies; and

WHEREAS, over the past two years, the City has experienced a downturn in the economy resulting in less revenue being collected from the various tax revenue sources available to the City, such as property and sales tax; and

WHEREAS, the City has adopted annual budgets that have significantly reduced the City's expenditures to match the reduced revenue, which have resulted in a reduction in the level of services, including services provided by the Spokane Public Library; and

WHEREAS, the City anticipates that the level of revenue received by the City for the 2014 budget year will be less than the anticipated expenses resulting in additional budget reductions; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to increase funding for library operations by submitting to the voters a proposition to increase the regular property tax levy in excess of the amount permitted by state law of \$0.07 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation in 2014 and to have the increase levy amount remain in place for four years to raise approximately \$1,043,429 per year;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 84 of the City Charter, the City Council, of its own motion, may submit to popular vote for adoption or rejection at any election, any proposed ordinance or measure.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Spokane that:

Section 1. The Spokane County Auditor is hereby requested pursuant to RCW 29A.04.330 to hold a special election on February 12, 2013, in conjunction with the scheduled special election for the purpose of submitting to the voters of the City of Spokane for the approval or rejection a property tax levy to provide funding for library operations.

Section 2. The following proposition shall be submitted in the following form:

CITY OF SPOKANE  
PROPOSITION NO. 3  
LIBRARY OPERATIONS LEVY

THE CITY OF SPOKANE ADOPTED RESOLUTION NO. 2012-0106, PROVIDING FOR AN INCREASE IN THE REGULAR PROPERTY TAX LEVY IN EXCESS OF STATE LAW BEGINNING IN 2014 IN WHICH THE FUNDING WOULD BE ALLOCATED ONE HUNDRED PERCENT FOR LIBRARY OPERATIONS. THIS PROPOSITION AUTHORIZES AN INCREASE IN THE REGULAR PROPERTY TAX LEVY FOR 2014 BY \$0.07 PER \$1,000 OF ASSESSED VALUATION FOR A LEVY RATE NOT TO EXCEED \$3.08. THE INCREASE IN THE PROPERTY TAX LEVY WOULD REMAIN IN EFFECT FOR A PERIOD OF FOUR YEARS.

SHOULD THIS PROPOSITION BE APPROVED?

YES .....

NO .....

Section 3. In the event the proposition specified in Section 2 above is approved by the qualified electors of the City as required by the Constitution and laws of the state of Washington, there shall be levied and collected annual excess property tax

levies in the amount as authorized by said voter approval. Such tax levies will be in excess of the regular annual tax levies permitted by law without voter approval.

Section 4. The City hereby requests pursuant to RCW 29A.04.330 the Spokane County Auditor, as *ex officio* Supervisor of Elections for the City, to call, conduct and hold within the City a special election on Tuesday, February 12, 2013 in conjunction with the scheduled special election to be held on the same date, for the purpose of submitting to the qualified electors of the City for their approval or rejection, the proposal set forth above. The City Clerk of the City of Spokane is hereby authorized and directed to deliver a certified copy of this resolution to the Spokane County Auditor, as *ex officio* Supervisor of Elections for the City, no later than December 28, 2012.

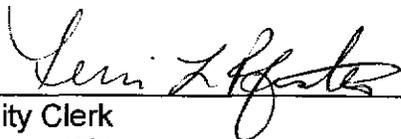
Section 5. If any one or more of the provisions of this resolution shall be declared by any court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional or invalid for any reason, then such provision shall be null and void, and shall be deemed separable from the remaining provisions of this resolution, and shall in no way affect the validity of the other provisions of this resolution.

Section 6. The levy lid lift in the property tax levy rate shall be a temporary single year increase, which shall begin in 2014 and continue through 2017.

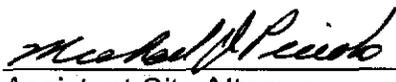
Section 7. The City Attorney is authorized to make such minor adjustments to the wording of the proposition as may be necessary to effectuate the intent of the resolution or upon recommendation of the Spokane County Auditor, as long as the intent of the proposition remains clear and consistent with the intent of this resolution as approved by the City Council.

Section 8. This resolution shall take effect and be in full force immediately upon its passage.

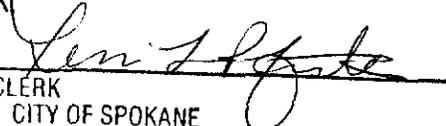
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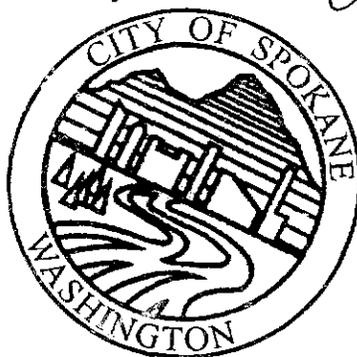
  
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Approved as to form:

  
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Assistant City Attorney

DATE: December 20, 2012  
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STATE OF WA



AS AMENDED - 12/17/2012



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December 20, 2012

City Clerk File No.:  
RES 2012-0107  
ORD C34950

COUNCIL ACTION MEMORANDUM

RE: RESOLUTION 2012-0107 and FINAL READING ORDINANCE C34950 RELATING TO A PROPOSITION REGARDING AN AMENDMENT TO THE SPOKANE CITY CHARTER TO REQUIRE A MAJORITY PLUS ONE VOTE TO APPROVE ALL NEW COUNCILMANIC TAX MEASURES AND INCREASES THERETO

During its 6:00 p.m. Legislative Session held Monday, December 17, 2012, the Spokane City Council considered Resolution 2012-0107 and Final Reading Ordinance C34950 relating to a proposition regarding an amendment to the Spokane City Charter to require a majority plus one vote of the City Council to approve all new councilmanic tax measures and increases thereto. Council Member McLaughlin provided an overview of the matters. Public testimony was received and Council discussion held. The following action was taken:

**Motion** by Council Member Waldref, seconded by Council Member Snyder, to amend the City Charter Amendment in front of us to have it follow Pierce County's lead and only include taxes that have not been levied in Spokane or new taxes that are granted by the State after March 1, 2013; **rejected 3-4 Council Members Allen, Fagan, McLaughlin, and Salvatori voting "no"**).

Following additional Council deliberation, the following action was taken:

**Upon 6-1 Roll Call Vote (Council Member Snyder voting "no")**, the City Council **adopted Resolution 2012-0107** requesting the Spokane County Auditor to hold a special election on February 12, 2013, in conjunction with the scheduled special election to submit to the voters of the City of Spokane a proposition regarding an amendment to the Spokane City Charter to require a majority plus one vote of the City Council to approve all new councilmanic tax measures and increases thereto **and passed Final Reading Ordinance C34950** submitting a ballot proposition to the voters of the City of Spokane to amend the Charter of the City of Spokane by adding a new section to require a majority plus one vote of the City Council to approve all new councilmanic tax measures and increases thereto.

Terri L. Pfister, MMC  
City Clerk



**Agenda Sheet for City Council Meeting of:**  
12/10/2012

<b>Date Rec'd</b>	11/28/2012
<b>Clerk's File #</b>	RES 2012-0107
<b>Renews #</b>	
<b>Cross Ref #</b>	ORD C34950
<b>Project #</b>	
<b>Bid #</b>	
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<b>Submitting Dept</b>	CITY COUNCIL
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<b>Agenda Item Type</b>	Resolutions
<b>Agenda Item Name</b>	CHARTER AMENDMENT FOR COUNCILMANIC TAX MEASURES

**Agenda Wording**  
A resolution requesting the Spokane County Auditor to hold a special election on February 12, 2013 in conjunction with the scheduled special election to submit to the voters of the City of Spokane a proposition regarding an amendment to the Spokane City Charter to require a majority plus one vote of the City Council to approve all new councilmanic tax measures and increases thereto.

**Summary (Background)**  
Pursuant to sections 84 and 125 of the City Charter, the City Council, on its own motion, may submit a charter amendment proposition to the voters for their approval or rejection. The City Council is proposing a charter amendment, which provides that after June 1, 2013 any new councilmanic tax may be levied or increased only by a majority plus one vote of the City Council. This resolution sets forth the ballot proposition and the request to the Spokane County Auditor's Office to place the proposition on the February 12, 2013 special election. If approved, the charter amendment would go into effect when the election results are certified.

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<b>For the Mayor</b>	SANDERS, THERESA		
<b>Additional Approvals</b>			
<b>Purchasing</b>			

ADOPTED BY SPOKANE CITY COUNCIL  
on  
12/17/12  
*Serina H. [Signature]*  
SPOKANE CITY CLERK

RESOLUTION NO. 2012 - 0107

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE SPOKANE COUNTY AUDITOR TO HOLD A SPECIAL ELECTION ON FEBRUARY 12, 2013 IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE SCHEDULED SPECIAL ELECTION TO SUBMIT TO THE VOTERS OF THE CITY OF SPOKANE A PROPOSITION REGARDING AN AMENDMENT TO THE SPOKANE CITY CHARTER TO REQUIRE A MAJORITY PLUS ONE VOTE OF THE CITY COUNCIL TO APPROVE ALL NEW COUNCILMANIC TAX MEASURES AND INCREASES THERETO.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 84 of the City Charter, the City Council, of its own motion, may submit to popular vote for adoption or rejection at any election, any proposed ordinance or measure, in the same manner and with the same force and effect as provided in the article for submission on petition; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 125 of the City Charter, the City Council, of its own motion, may submit to popular vote for adoption or rejection at any election, proposed amendments to the City Charter; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined, pursuant to its authority set forth in Section 125 of the City Charter, that an amendment to the City Charter to require a majority plus one vote of the City Council to approve all new councilmanic tax measures and increases thereto should be submitted to the voters of the City for their adoption or rejection on the February 12, 2013 scheduled special election; and

WHEREAS, RCW 29A.04.330 requires the City to transmit to this resolution calling for a special election to the Spokane County Auditor by December 28, 2012.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Spokane, pursuant to Section 125 of the City Charter, that:

1) the Spokane County Auditor is hereby requested pursuant to RCW 29A.04.330 to call a special municipal election to be held in conjunction with the scheduled special election to be held on February 12, 2013 for the purpose of submitting to the voters of the City of Spokane for their approval or rejection the following proposition:

**PROPOSITION NO. 2**

**CITY OF SPOKANE**

**AMENDMENT TO CITY CHARTER REGARDING CITY COUNCIL  
APPROVAL OF TAXES**

This proposition will amend the Spokane City Charter by adding a new section to require that, after March 1, 2013, any "new councilmanic tax," as defined in Ordinance No. C- 34950, may be levied or increased only by a majority plus one vote of the City Council; all as set forth in Ordinance No. C- 34950.

Should this measure be enacted into law?

Yes .....   
No .....

2) the City Clerk is directed to deliver a certified copy of this resolution, along with Ordinance No. C - 34950 to the Spokane County Auditor no later than December 28, 2012.

Adopted December 17, 2012

*Lynn J. Hynes*  
City Clerk

Approved as to form:

*Michael J. Priddy*  
Assistant City Attorney



DATE: December 20, 2012  
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