

RESOLUTION 1341

A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF GIG HARBOR AT AN ELECTION TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 4, 2025, OF A PROPOSITION AUTHORIZING AN INCREASE TO THE SALES AND USE TAX IN GIG HARBOR OF ONE-TENTH OF ONE PERCENT (0.1%) ON THE SELLING PRICE TO FUND A NEW CULTURAL ACCESS PROGRAM; SETTING FORTH THE TEXT OF THE BALLOT PROPOSITION; DIRECTING PROPER CITY OFFICIALS TO TAKE NECESSARY ACTION; AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER PROPERLY RELATED MATTERS

WHEREAS, through Ordinance 1546 the City Council of the City of Gig Harbor created a new cultural access program as allowed by RCW 36.160.030; and

WHEREAS, RCW 36.16.080 and RCW 82.14.525 provide that a city creating a cultural access program may impose sales and use taxes for a period of up to seven consecutive years; and

WHEREAS, the city council's creation of the cultural access program included a one-tenth of one percent (0.1%) sales and use tax on the selling price in the case of a sales tax or of the value of the article used in the case of a use tax which was conditioned on the specific authorization of a majority of the voters voting on a proposition submitted at a special or general election of the sales and use tax; and

WHEREAS, the city council wishes to place the sales and use tax on the ballot of the election to be held on November 4, 2025;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Gig Harbor:

Section 1. Purpose of Ballot Proposition. The City Council determines it to be in the public interest to fund improved public access to programs produced by nonprofit arts, culture, science, and heritage organizations.

Section 2. Calling of Election. It is hereby found that the best interest of the inhabitants of Gig Harbor require the submission to the qualified electors of Gig Harbor for approval or rejection at the election to be held on November 4, 2025, of a proposition authorizing an additional sales and use tax of one-tenth of one percent (0.1%) on the selling price in the case of a sales tax, or the value of the article used in the case of a use tax, pursuant to RCW 36.160.080 and RCW 82.14.525 for the support of a cultural access program.

Section 3. Ballot Title and Proposition. The ballot title and proposition to be submitted to the voters shall be in substantially the following form:

**CITY OF GIG HARBOR PROPOSITION NO. 1
ADDITIONAL SALES AND USE TAX SUPPORTING ADOPTED
CULTURAL ACCESS PROGRAM**

The city council adopted Resolution 1341 concerning a proposition for funding an established cultural access program. If approved, this proposition would increase the sales and use tax rate by one-tenth of one percent (0.1%) to provide funding for cultural access consistent with RCW 36.160. Proceeds will fund eligible cultural organizations, public school cultural access, and up to 10% could be spent on program administration costs. This tax would be effective for seven years.

Should this proposition be approved?

___ YES

___ NO

Section 4. Changes. The mayor and city attorney are authorized to make such minor adjustments to the wording of such proposition as may be recommended by the Pierce 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 5. Local Voters' Pamphlet. The city attorney is directed to prepare and submit the explanatory statement for the ballot proposition as required. The arguments for and against the ballot proposition shall be prepared by the committees appointed by the city council pursuant to RCW 29A.32.280.

ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Gig Harbor at a regular meeting thereof, held this 28th day of July, 2025.

Mary Barber
Mayor

Attest:

Joshua Stecker, CMC
City Clerk