

ORDINANCE NO. 2281

AN ORDINANCE reenacting Ordinance No. 2246, adding a new section to Chapter 3.84 by imposing an additional excise tax of one-quarter (1/4) of one (1%) percent on the sale of real estate within the corporate limits of the City of Camas as authorized by RCW 82.46.035.

WHEREAS, on November 22, 1999, the City Council enacted Ordinance No. 2246, which imposed an additional excise tax of one-quarter (1/4) of one (1%) percent on the sale of real estate within the City of Camas, and

WHEREAS, Washington voters have approved Initiative 722, which in part invalidates all tax and fee increases adopted by local governments between July 2, 1999, and December 31, 1999, and

WHEREAS, several cities have filed suit challenging the constitutionality of Initiative 722, and

WHEREAS, due to the uncertainty surrounding the passage of Initiative 722 and the legal challenges thereto, the City desires to reenact the increase in the real estate excise tax,

NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CAMAS DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section I

Ordinance No. 2246, which imposed an additional excise tax of one-quarter (1/4) of one percent (1%) on the sale of real estate within the City of Camas, is hereby reenacted, confirmed and ratified effective January 1, 2000.

Section II

There is hereby added to Chapter 3.84 of the Camas Municipal Code a new section to provide as follows:

3.84.015 - Additional Real Estate Excise Tax

In accordance with RCW 82.46.035, and in addition to the excise tax on the sale of real property imposed by Section 3.84.010 of the Camas Municipal Code, there is hereby imposed an excise tax on each sale of real property located within the corporate limits of the City of Camas at the rate of one-quarter (1/4) of one (1%) percent (0.25%) of the selling price to be collected by Clark County as prescribed in RCW 82.46.060. Proceeds from this additional tax shall be deposited in a separate account in the Growth Management Capital Projects Fund and expended only as authorized by law under RCW 82.46.035(5).

Section III

If any section, clause or phrase of this ordinance is declared unconstitutional or invalid for any reason, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of the ordinance.

Section IV

This ordinance shall take force and be in effect five (5) days from and after its publication according to law.

PASSED by the Council and APPROVED by the Mayor this 7th day of December, 2000.

SIGNED: Mary Kufeldt-Cutler
Mayor

ATTEST: John M. Durkin
Clerk

APPROVED as to form:

[Signature]
City Attorney