



Resolution Cover Sheet

This form is mandatory and must accompany each resolution.

Name of District: City of Morton

District Address: 192 Adams Ave PO Box 1089

Date of Election: November 8, 2022

Contact Person: LuAnn Ward Title: City Clerk

Contact Phone: 360-496-6881 Email: cclerk@visitmorton.com

2nd Contact Person: _____ Title: _____

2nd Contact Phone: _____ Email: _____

Attorney for District: Buzzard O'Rourke, P.S.

Attorney Phone: 360-736-1108 Attorney Email: jim@buzzardlaw.com

Type of Election (levy, bond, lid lift, sales tax, etc.): Withdrawal from Intercounty Library District

Pass/Fail requirement for this measure as determined by your legal counsel: Simple Majority

Simple majority or majority 50% +1 Supermajority or 60%

Applicable statutory reference as determined by legal counsel: RCW 27.12.380; AGO 2015 No. 5 (2015)

Validation requirement as determined by your legal counsel. The minimum number of voters "required" to turnout (cast a ballot) in an excess levy or bond election.

This issue requires validation: Yes No

This form must accompany each resolution filed with Lewis County Elections. The contact person or persons should have the authority to do so and be available to answer questions.

CITY OF MORTON, WASHINGTON
RESOLUTION NO. 2022-521A

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF MORTON, WASHINGTON, TO PRESENT TO THE VOTERS OF THE CITY OF MORTON THE PROPOSITION TO WITHDRAW FROM THE TIMBERLAND REGIONAL LIBRARY DISTRICT OF LEWIS COUNTY, WASHINGTON, AT THE NEXT GENERAL ELECTION.

RECITALS:

WHEREAS, the City of Morton, Washington (the “City”) is a Code City under the laws of the State of Washington; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to RCW 35A.11.020, the City may adopt and enforce Resolutions of all kinds relating to and regulating the City’s local or municipal affairs and appropriate to the good government of the City; and

WHEREAS, on July 23, 2012, the City adopted Ordinance 2012-03 entitled “AN ORDINANCE REQUESTING ANNEXATION INTO THE TIMBERLAND REGIONAL LIBRARY DISTRICT OF LEWIS COUNTY, WASHINGTON CONTIGUOUS TO THE CITY’S LIMITS AND DECALRING AN EMERGENCY;” and

WHEREAS, in the November election of 2012, a majority of voters within the City of Morton voted to be annexed into the Timberland Regional Library District of Lewis County; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance 2012-03 took effect in the year 2014; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance 2012-03 has been in effect for more than three (3) years; and

WHEREAS, As a portion of property taxes assessed for the benefit of Timberland Regional Library District of Lewis County, each parcel of real property located in the City (which is not otherwise exempt) has been charged the following amounts in the following years:

2014: 0.41569 per \$1,000.00 of assessed value of real property;

2015: 0.41071 per \$1,000.00 of assessed value of real property;

2016: 0.409468 per \$1,000.00 of assessed value of real property;

2017: 0.399261 per \$1,000.00 of assessed value of real property;
2018: 0.382151 per \$1,000.00 of assessed value of real property;
2019: 0.362124 per \$1,000.00 of assessed value of real property;
2020: 0.340468 per \$1,000.00 of assessed value of real property;
2021: 0.323658 per \$1,000.00 of assessed value of real property; and
2022: 0.287998 per \$1,000.00 of assessed value of real property;

WHEREAS, If the City remains within the Timberland Regional Library District of Lewis County, real property located within the City will continue to be charged an amount subject to change per \$1,000.00 of assessed value of real property;

WHEREAS, if the City withdraws from the Timberland Regional Library District of Lewis County, real property located within the City will cease to be charged a sum of money which is paid to the Timberland Regional Library District of Lewis County;

WHEREAS, citizens of the City have requested the City to withdraw from the Timberland Regional Library District of Lewis County; and

WHEREAS, the City Council believes the proposition to withdraw should be decided by the voters; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to RCW 27.12.380 the City Council may by resolution present to the voters of the City the proposition to withdraw from the Timberland Regional Library District of Lewis County at the next general election.

WHEREAS, May 28, 2022, the Council of the City of Morton passed this Resolution.

WHEREAS, the purpose of this Amended Resolution is to restate the Proposition to be Presented to Voters in Section 2 below, for the purpose of complying with form as required by RCW 29A.36.071 and RCW 29A.72.050.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MORTON, WASHINGTON, DO RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Recitals Incorporated. The recitals set forth above are adopted and incorporated by this reference as though fully set forth herein.

Section 2. Proposition to be Presented to Voters. The following proposition is to be presented to the voters of the City of Morton:

The City of Morton adopted Resolution No. 521A concerning a proposition to withdraw from the Timberland Regional Library District of Lewis County.

Voting “Yes” on this Proposition means the City should withdraw from the Library District and each parcel of real property located within the City will not be charged the applicable property tax assessment on an annual basis. Voting “No” on this Proposition means the City should remain in the Library District and each parcel of real property (not otherwise exempt) will continue to be charged the applicable property tax assessment on an annual basis.

Should this Proposition be approved?

YES

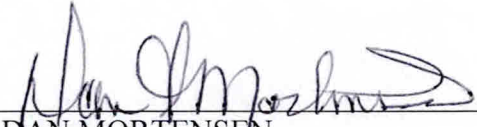
NO

Section 3. Direction to Clerk to Forward Resolution to the County Auditor. The Clerk of the City of Morton is directed to forward this Resolution to the Lewis County Auditor for the proposition set forth in Section 2 herein above to be included on the ballot of the next general election to be voted upon by the qualified voters of the City of Morton.

Section 4. Election Results. If a majority of persons voting on the proposition vote in favor of withdrawing from the Timberland Regional Library District of Lewis County, the City of Morton shall be withdrawn from said library district effective as provided by law.

PASSED by the Council of the City of Morton, Washington, and **APPROVED** by the Mayor of the Morton at a regularly scheduled open public meeting thereof, this 27 day of ~~April~~, 2022.

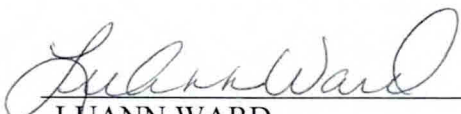
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DAN MORTENSEN
Mayor

Attest:

Approved as to form:



LUANN WARD
City Clerk



James M.B. Buzzard, WSBA # 33555
City Attorney

Approved Reading: _____/2022
Publication Date: _____/2022
Effective Date: _____/2022

CITY OF MORTON

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EXPLANATORY STATEMENT RESOLUTION 521

The Timberland Regional Library is an Inter-County Rural Library District with locations in Grays Harbor, Lewis, Mason, Pacific, and Thurston Counties. In the November 2012 election, a majority of voters within the City of Morton voted to be annexed into the Timberland Regional Library. Since taking effect in 2014, each parcel of real property located in the City (which is not otherwise exempt) has had a portion of property taxes assessed for the benefit of the Timberland Regional Library, and has been charged the following amounts in the following years: 2014: 0.41569 per \$1,000.00 of assessed value; 2015: 0.41071 per \$1,000.00 of assessed value; 2016: 0.409468 per \$1,000.00 of assessed value; 2017: 0.399261 per \$1,000.00 of assessed value; 2018: 0.382151 per \$1,000.00 of assessed value; 2019: 0.362124 per \$1,000.00 of assessed value; 2020: 0.340468 per \$1,000.00 of assessed value; 2021: 0.323658 per \$1,000.00 of assessed value; and 2022: 0.287998 per \$1,000.00 of assessed value.

If the City remains within the Timberland Regional Library, real property located within the City will continue to be charged an amount per \$1,000.00 of assessed value of real property. If the City withdraws from the Timberland Regional Library, real property located within the City will cease being charged an amount, which is paid to the Timberland Regional Library. The Timberland Regional Library has six full locations and two kiosks in Lewis County. The closest full locations to Morton are in Randle and Salkum and the closest kiosk is located at the Centralia College East Campus.



Lewis County Prosecuting Attorney's Office

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To: The Auditor's Office
From: Amber D. Smith, Civil Deputy Prosecuting Attorney
Subject: Approval of Explanatory Statement
Date: July 13, 2022

Our office has reviewed the proposed Resolution and Explanatory Statement for [the City of Morton](#). Both the explanatory statement and revised Resolution are impartial, written in clear and concise language, avoid the use of legal and technical terms whenever possible, and do not exceed statutory word limits.

Our office approves as to form.

Sincerely,

Amber D. Smith
Civil Deputy Prosecuting Attorney
Lewis County Prosecuting Attorney's Office

It is the Mission of the Lewis County Prosecutor's Office to zealously seek justice in all criminal matters, consistently promote public confidence in the legal system, and diligently represent county government while adhering to the highest ethical and moral standards.