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LEWIS COUNTY AUDITOR

Resolution Cover Sheet

This form is mandatory and must accompany each resolution.

Name of District: City of Chehalis

District Address: 350 N Market Boulevard, Chehalis, WA 98532

Date of Election: November 3, 2026

Contact Person: Cassie Frazier Title: City Clerk

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Attorney for District: Daniel Murray

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Type of Election (levy, bond, lid lift, sales tax, etc.): Sales Tax

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

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

Applicable statutory reference as determined by legal counsel: RCW 36.73.065, RCW 82.14.0455

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

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RESOLUTION NO. 17-2026

A RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE TRANSPORTATION BENEFIT DISTRICT (CITY COUNCIL) OF THE CITY OF CHEHALIS, WASHINGTON, PROVIDING FOR A BALLOT PROPOSITION TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE DISTRICT NOVEMBER 3, 2026 TO IMPOSE A SALES AND USE TAX IN THE AMOUNT OF TWO-TENTHS OF ONE PERCENT IN ADDITION TO ANY OTHER TAXES AUTHORIZED BY LAW, WITHIN THE DISTRICT FROM ALL TAXABLE RETAIL SALES IN ACCORDANCE WITH RCW 82.14.0455 FOR A TERM OF TEN YEARS (JULY 1, 2027 TO JUNE 30, 2037) FOR THE PURPOSE OF FUNDING TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENTS OUTLINED IN THE CITY'S TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PLAN, TRAFFIC ENGINEERING AND CONTROL, AND THE GENERAL OPERATION, MAINTENANCE, AND REPAIR OF CITY STREETS BRIDGES, AND OTHER TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE.

WHEREAS, Chapter 36. 73 RCW enables cities to establish transportation benefit districts for the purpose of acquiring, constructing, improving, providing, and funding transportation improvements outlined in the City's Transportation Improvement Plan, including the operation, preservation, and maintenance of streets, bridges, and other transportation infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the City of Chehalis (the "City") approved Ordinance No. 934-B on September 8, 2014, creating the Transportation Benefit District of the City of Chehalis, Washington (the "District") pursuant to chapter 36.73 RCW; and

WHEREAS, the City of Chehalis approved Ordinance No. 950-B on December 14, 2015, by which the City assumed all the rights, powers, functions, and obligations of the Transportation Benefit District of the City of Chehalis, pursuant to Substitute Senate Bill 5987; and

WHEREAS, the District has the authority to collect sales and use tax in accordance with RCW 82. 14. 0455 in an amount of up to three- tenths of one percent (0. 3%), for a period of not more than ten years, upon the favorable vote of the qualified voters within the District for the purpose of funding transportation improvements; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No.17-2016 submitted a ballot proposition to impose a tax at the rate of two tenths of one percent (0. 2%) for a period of ten years, and said ballot proposition was approved by the voters on February 14, 2017; and

WHEREAS, the City anticipates a continued need for improvement, maintenance, and repair of streets and transportation infrastructure that would be impossible to achieve without the renewal of the additional two- tenths of one percent (0. 2%) sales and use tax currently collected by the District; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has reviewed the benefits the City has received from transportation improvement projects and has determined it is in the best interests of the City to submit a ballot proposition to renew the additional sales and use tax.

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NOW THEREFORE, THE GOVERNING BOARD (CITY COUNCIL) OF THE TRANSPORTATION BENEFIT DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF CHEHALIS, WASHINGTON, HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The Governing Board of the District (the "City Council") hereby finds that the best interests of the inhabitants of the District (City) require the District to renew a sales and use tax in the amount of two-tenths of one percent (0.2%) pursuant to RCW 36.73.040(3)(a) and RCW 82.14.0455 purpose of acquiring, constructing, improving, providing, and funding transportation improvements outlined in the City's Transportation Improvement Plan, including the operation, preservation, and maintenance of streets, bridges, and other transportation infrastructure.

Section 2. It is hereby found and declared that the best interests of the District require the submission to the qualified electors of the District the proposition of whether the District shall renew a sales and use tax within the limitations established in RCW 82.14.0455 for their approval or rejection at the general election to be held on **November 3, 2026.** The Lewis County Auditor, as ex officio supervisor of elections in Lewis County, Washington, is hereby requested to submit to the qualified electors of the District for their approval or rejection a proposition to renew a sales and use tax in the amount of two-tenths of one percent (0.2%) of the selling price in the case of a sales tax, or value of the article used, in the case of the use tax. The sales and use tax authorized by this section is in addition to any other taxes authorized by law and shall be collected from those persons taxable by the State of Washington under chapters 82.08 and 82.12 RCW upon any taxable event within the boundaries of the District. The tax shall be renewed for a period of **ten years from its first date of collection (July 1, 2027, to June 30, 2037).**

Upon approval of the voters, the City may use proceeds of such sales and use tax to pay or finance a portion of the costs of the Project. The Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to certify said proposition to the Lewis County Auditor in the following form:

PROPOSITION NO._____

TRANSPORTATION BENEFIT DISTRICT OF CHEHALIS

SALES AND USE TAX LEVY FOR TRANSPORTATION NEEDS

The Governing Board of the Transportation Benefit District (City Council) of the City of Chehalis, Washington, adopted Resolution No. 17-2026 concerning sales and use tax to finance transportation improvements. This proposition would renew the current sales and use tax of two-tenths of one percent (0.2%) for an additional term of 10 years beginning July 1, 2027 and ending June 30, 2037 to fund transportation improvements outlined in the City's Transportation Improvement Plan, traffic engineering and control, and the general operation, maintenance, and repair of city streets, bridges, and other transportation infrastructure

Should this proposition be approved?

☐ APPROVED

☐ REJECTED

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Section 3. Corrections. The Mayor and the codifiers of this resolution are authorized to make necessary clerical corrections to this resolution, including, but not limited to, the correction of scrivener's or clerical errors, resolution numbering, and section/subsection numbering and any references thereto.

Section 4. Severability. If any section, sentence, clause, or phrase of this resolution is held invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity shall not affect the validity of any other section, sentence, clause, or phrase of this resolution.

Adopted by the Governing Board of the Transportation Benefit District of the City of Chehalis, Washington, this 8th day of June, 2026.

TRANSPORTATION BENEFIT
DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF CHEHALIS
WASHINGTON

Mayor, City of Chehalis

Attest/Authenticated:

City Clerk

Ballot Title Approved as to Form:

City Attorney

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CITY OF CHEHALIS
TRANSPORTATION BENEFIT DISTRICT
GENERAL ELECTION – NOVEMBER 3, 2026

BALLOT TITLE

Transportation Benefit District Sales and Use Tax Renewal

DESCRIPTION

The Transportation Benefit District of the City of Chehalis adopted Resolution No. 17-2026 concerning the renewal of its transportation benefit district sales and use tax. This proposition would renew the existing sales and use tax of two-tenths of one percent (0.2%) for ten years, beginning July 1, 2027, to fund transportation improvements, traffic engineering and control, and the operation, maintenance, and repair of city streets, bridges, and other transportation infrastructure.

QUESTION

Should this proposition be approved?

☐ **Approved**

☐ **Rejected**

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Explanatory Statement

Proposition No. ___ concerns the City of Chehalis Transportation Benefit District's sales and use tax.

If approved, this proposition would authorize the Transportation Benefit District to continue imposing a sales and use tax of two-tenths of one percent (0.2%), equal to 20 cents on each $100 of taxable purchases, for an additional ten-year period beginning July 1, 2027, and ending June 30, 2037.

Revenue generated by the tax may be used only for transportation improvements and related purposes authorized by state law, including preserving and maintaining city streets, bridges, and other transportation infrastructure; improving traffic safety and operations; and funding transportation projects identified in the City's transportation plans.

This proposition renews the existing voter-approved Transportation Benefit District sales and use tax, which is scheduled to expire on June 30, 2027. Approval would allow the Transportation Benefit District to continue collecting the tax at the current rate for an additional ten years. If the proposition is not approved, collection of the tax will expire on June 30, 2027.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Auditor's Office

FROM: David E. Bailey, Chief Civil Deputy Prosecuting Attorney

RE: Approval of Ballot Language and Explanatory Statement / Chehalis Sales Tax

DATE: July 23, 2026

Our office has reviewed the proposal for Chehalis (Transportation Benefit District) to continue its current sales tax for road improvements per Resolution 17-026. The ballot language and explanatory statement 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.