

RESOLUTION 1498

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF DAYTON, WASHINGTON, APPROVING THE SUBMISSION OF A PROPOSITION TO THE VOTERS OF THE CITY OF DAYTON AT A GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 8, 2022, FOR THEIR APPROVAL OR REJECTION OF THE CREATION OF AN INDEPENDENT METROPOLITAN PARKS DISTRICT TO BE GOVERNED BY A DULY ELECTED BOARD OF 5 COMMISSIONERS OF SAID METROPOLITAN PARK DISTRICT PURSUANT TO RCW 35.61.

WHEREAS, Chapter 35.61 RCW authorizes counties, cities, and towns to create wholly independent metropolitan park districts within their boundaries; and,

WHEREAS, the boundaries of the proposed metropolitan park district will be within the unincorporated area of Columbia County and within the incorporated areas of the City of Dayton; and,

WHEREAS, a metropolitan park district has additional and independent authority to tax property to raise funds restricted to park and recreation purposes provided for in RCW 35.61; and,

WHEREAS, stable funding is essential to provide citizens of Columbia County and Dayton the best possible recreational opportunities and facilities, provide proper operation and maintenance of a local aquatic facility, and to allow for future opportunities to acquire and develop additional recreational facilities; and,

WHEREAS, recreational opportunities are an essential element to the public health, welfare, economy, and quality of life for residents of Columbia County and Dayton; and,

WHEREAS, the Friends of the Pool have recommended that Columbia County and the City of Dayton submit a ballot proposition to the residents of their respective jurisdictions to form a metropolitan park district, and that it be governed by 5 elected metropolitan park district at-large commissioners; and,

WHEREAS, it is recommended to fund the metropolitan park district by a general property tax not to exceed \$.75 (seventy-five cents) per \$1,000 (one thousand dollars) of assessed value; and,

WHEREAS, RCW 35.61.020 provides counties, cities, and towns the authority to pass a resolution submitting a ballot proposition to the voters of the area proposed to be included in the district; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Dayton wishes to act in cooperation with Columbia County in this endeavor, and does not believe that the measure can succeed without full participation of all government entities;

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

In the event that the Columbia County Board of County Commissioners approves an identical ballot measure, the ballot measure, Proposition No. 1 shall be added to the November 8th, 2022 General Election Ballot and shall read:

COLUMBIA COUNTY JOINT
METROPOLITAN PARK DISTRICT
PROPOSITION NO. 1

Columbia County and Dayton jointly propose creation of the Columbia County Joint Metropolitan Park District, governed by five at-large, elected commissioners, with boundaries coterminous with County and City, excluding portions in Prescott Joint Park and Recreation District and Starbuck. This would create a metropolitan park district with powers in Chapter 35.61 RCW, including, but not limited to, authority to levy general tax on property located within the District up to 75 cents / \$1000 assessed value.

Should the Columbia County Joint Metropolitan Park District be so created and governed?

YES/NO

Dated and signed this _____ day of July 2022.

City of Dayton

Mayor Zac Weatherford

Attest/Authenticate:

Debra M Hays, Interim City Clerk

Approved as to form:

Quinn Plant, City Attorney