

Resolution Cover Sheet

Please include this form with each resolution.

Name of District: Clallam County Board of Commissioners
District Address: 223 East 4th Street, Ste. 4, Port Angeles, WA 98362
Date of Election: November 4, 2025
Contact Person/ Title: Todd Mielke, Clallam County Administrator
Contact Phone: 360-477-1501 Email: todd.mielke@clallamcountywa.gov

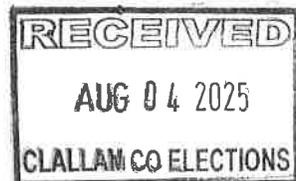
Attorney for District: Dee Boughton - Clallam County Prosecuting Attorney's Office DPA
Attorney Phone: 360-565-2720 Email: dee.boughton@clallamcountywa.gov

Type of Election (levy, bond, lid lift, etc.): Levy Lid Lift

Please state the pass/fail requirement for this measure (simple majority, supermajority, 60% plus validation, etc.) as determined by your legal counsel:

Simple majority.

Questions?
Clallam County Elections Division
Phone: 360-417-2217
Email: elections@clallamcountywa.gov





RESOLUTION 61

RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION OF LEVY

(GENERAL – SINGLE YEAR – PERMANENT)

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CLALLAM COUNTY, WASHINGTON, RELATING TO THE COUNTY-GENERAL REGULAR PROPERTY TAXES; PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION TO THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF CLALLAM COUNTY AT AN ELECTION TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 4, 2025, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE STATE GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON THE SAME DATE, OF A PROPOSITION RESTORING THE COUNTY – GENERAL PROPERTY TAX LEVY RATE TO \$0.95 PER \$1,000.00 OF TRUE AND ASSESSED VALUATION; SETTING FORTH THE TEXT OF THE BALLOT PROPOSITION; UTILIZING THE 2026 LEVY AMOUNT TO CALCULATE SUBSEQUENT YEAR LEVY LIMITS; AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER MATTERS PROPERLY RELATED THERETO.

BACKGROUND: The Board of County Commissioners of Clallam County finds that county government exists to provide basic governmental functions and programs in the form of criminal justice, public safety, public health, land use, parks, and other services as required under the Constitution and laws of the State of Washington, and which promote safety, health, and the quality of life for its citizens.

THE BOARD OF CLALLAM COUNTY COMMISSIONERS further finds as follows:

1. WHEREAS, providing essential county services necessitates the continued expenditure of revenues for personnel, operations and equipment at a level that cannot be sustained by the County's sales tax collections combined with regular tax revenue levied at the current rate of \$0.7598 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation of taxable property within the County as limited by the statutory rate established by RCW 84.55;
2. WHEREAS, the County experiences annual cost increases affecting its operations that reflect and, in some cases, exceed standard inflationary indices and consistently exceed the statutory 101% (1 percent over the previous year's collection) limitation on tax levy increases;
3. WHEREAS, counties in Washington State are authorized to levy up to \$1.80 per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation of taxable property and Clallam County's current levy rate is less than half that amount, while other local taxing districts seek to levy at their maximum allowable rate;
4. WHEREAS, the County's levy rate in 2015, ten years ago, was \$1.44345 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation of taxable property and has reduced each year since then;
5. WHEREAS, the County sought to avoid going to the voters in 2024 and 2025 for a general tax increase, and instead reduced expenditures in 2024 and then again with a subsequent 7% reduction across-the-board in departmental spending for 2025;
6. WHEREAS, the County is seeking to move away from a one-year planning horizon through the adoption of its annual budget and instead extend the planning horizon to 3-5 years, anticipating revenues and expenditures to be more strategic in how to best provide services, pursue critical initiatives, and implement updated technologies;

7. Clallam County is charged with providing certain services under the Constitution and laws of Washington State, specifically programs addressing criminal justice, public safety, public health, land use, parks, and other services which promote safety, health, and the quality of life for its citizens. To provide these services, it is necessary for the County to hire and retain personnel, and provide them with the necessary equipment and facilities to perform essential services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Clallam County Commissioners, in consideration of the above findings of fact:

1. To provide the revenue adequate to pay the costs of essential public services as described in paragraph (1) and to maintain adequate reserve funds sufficient to assure the continuation of such services, the County shall, in accordance with RCW 84.55.050, levy beginning in 2025 and collect beginning in 2026, pursuant to RCW 84.52.043, a general tax on taxable property within the County for County-General purposes, at a rate of \$0.95 per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation subject to otherwise applicable statutory limits.
2. The dollar amount levied in 2025 for collection in 2026 shall be used for the purposes of computing the limitations on levies in subsequent years under chapter 84.55 RCW.
3. There shall be submitted to the qualified voters of the County for their ratification or rejection, at an election on November 4, 2025, in conjunction with the state general election to be held on the same date, the question of whether or not the County-General property tax levy of Clallam County should be increased to \$0.95 per \$1,000.00 of true and assessed valuation in 2025 and to use the dollar amount of such levy in 2026 for the purpose of computing limitations for the County-General levy in subsequent years. The Clallam County Prosecuting Attorney is requested to prepare the concise description of the aforesaid proposition in the form of a ballot title in substantially the following form:

Name of Jurisdiction: Clallam County
 Proposition #: Proposition No. _____
 Short Title: Single Year, Permanent Levy Lid Lift

CLALLAM COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
 CLALLAM COUNTY, WASHINGTON
 PROPOSITION NO. _____

LEVY LID LIFT FOR COUNTY ESSENTIAL PUBLIC SERVICES

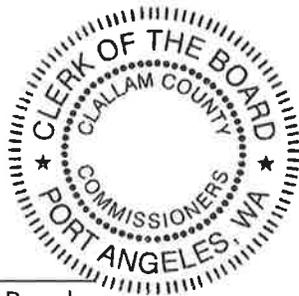
The Board of County Commissions of Clallam County adopted Resolution No. 61, concerning a proposition to maintain and adequately fund County operations. If approved, this proposition would provide additional funding to continue services which promote safety, health, and the quality of life for citizens in such areas as criminal justice, public safety, public health, land use, and parks. It authorizes a maximum regular County-General property levy rate for collection in 2026 of \$0.95 per \$1,000 of assessed value. The 2026 levy amount will be used for the purpose of computing the limitations for levies in subsequent years.

Should this proposition be: Approved Rejected

4. The Auditor of Clallam County, as ex-officio Supervisor of Elections, is hereby requested to call such an election, and to submit the following proposition at such election, in the form of a ballot title substantially as provided.
5. The Board of County Commissioners hereby assigns to the County Administrator or designee the task of appointing members to a committee to prepare arguments advocating for voters' approval of the proposition and to a committee to prepare arguments advocating for voter's rejection of the proposition.
6. For purposes of receiving notice of any matters related to the ballot title, as provided in RCW 29A.36.080, the Board of County Commissioners hereby designates the County Administrator and the County Prosecutor as the individuals to whom the County Auditor shall provide such notice.
7. The County Administrator is authorized to implement such administrative procedures as may be necessary to carry out the directives of this resolution, including modifying the text of the ballot title and any other text, language and/or descriptions relative thereto necessary to conform such ballot title, text, language and/or descriptions to the intent of the parties, consistent with the objectives of this resolution.
8. The County Administrator is hereby authorized and directed, no later than August 5, 2025, to provide to the County Auditor a certified copy of this resolution and the proper County officials are authorized to perform such other duties or take such other actions as are necessary or required by law to the end that the proposition described in this resolution appear on the ballot before the voters at the November 4, 2025 election.
9. If any section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this resolution is declared unconstitutional or invalid for any reason, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this resolution.
10. Any act consistent with the authority and prior to the effective date of this resolution is hereby ratified and affirmed.
11. This resolution shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 4th day of August 2025

BOARD OF CLALLAM COUNTY COMMISSIONERS



ATTEST:

L. Gores

Loni Gores, MMC, Clerk of the Board

Excused Absence

Mike French, Chair

Randy Johnson

Randy Johnson

Mark Ozias

Mark Ozias

Election Date: November 4, 2025
Name of Jurisdiction Submitting Measure: Clallam County
Contact Name: Todd Mielke, County Administrator
Daytime Contact Phone Number: (360) 477-1501

CLALLAM COUNTY

PROPOSITION NO. _____

BALLOT ISSUE EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

(200 word limit)

Clallam County is charged with providing certain services under the Constitution and laws of Washington State, specifically programs addressing criminal justice, public safety, public health, land use, parks, and other services which promote safety, health, and the quality of life for its citizens. While the maximum allowed levy rate is \$1.80 per \$1,000 for the County-General property tax levy, Clallam County's current rate is less than half that amount at \$0.7598. If approved by the voters, the proposition will authorize the County to adjust its levy rate to \$0.95 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation in 2025 for collection in 2026. The 2026 levy amount will be used for the purpose of computing the limitations for levies in subsequent years. The Board of County Commissioners has determined this proposition is necessary to maintain essential county services in light of rising costs. Approval of this measure will allow the County to maintain the level of services it provides to its citizens.

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Pro & Con Committee Advertisement

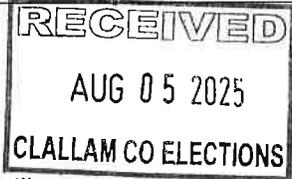
Clallam County is preparing to adopt Resolution No. 61 Providing for the submission to the voters on November 4, 2025, General Election, a proposition authorizing the County to adjust its County-General 2025 regular property tax levy to \$0.95 per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation for collection in 2026, and to utilize levy collected in 2026 as the basis for collection in subsequent years. The County is accepting names of people interested in participating in voter pamphlet statement pro and con committees. The committees will write either the "for" or the "against" statements that will appear in county voters' pamphlets next to the proposition. Citizens interested in participating, please call 360.477-1501 or e-mail todd.mielke@clallamcountywa.gov. Interested parties shall submit their name, voter registration address, telephone number, email address, and the measure for which they wish to write a statement for. The appointments must be submitted to the County by August 5, 2025.

Committee "For" and "Against" Appointment Form

Name of Jurisdiction/Proposition No.: Clallam County Board of Commissioners

Jurisdiction Contact Name: Todd Mielke, Clallam County Administrator

Email: todd.mielke@clallamcountywa.gov Phone: 360-477-1501



Jurisdiction's responsibility:

1. Submit completed form to Clallam County Elections Division on or before the resolution submittal deadline: elections@clallamcountywa.gov
2. Provide committee members with statement submission requirements and deadlines. (Requirements and deadlines can be found in the Elections Guide for Jurisdictions and Candidates.)

Questions? Call (360) 417-2217

"For" Committee (1-3 members)	
*1st Committee Member:	
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Phone	
Website	
2nd Committee Member:	
Name	RANDY JOHNSON
Email	randallsjohnson82@gmail.com
3rd Committee Member:	
Name	
Email	

"Against" Committee (1-3 members)	
*1st Committee Member:	
Name	
Email	
Phone	
Website	
2nd Committee Member:	
Name	Ed Bowen
Email	is.this.essential@hotmail.com
3rd Committee Member:	
Name	
Email	

**1st Committee Member must provide at least one method of contact, which will be published in the voters' guide/pamphlet.*