

**PEND OREILLE COUNTY
NEWPORT, WASHINGTON**

**ORDINANCE OF INTENT PURSUANT TO HB 1406
ORDINANCE No. 2019- 02**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF PEND OREILLE COUNTY DECLARING THE INTENT OF THE COUNTY TO ADOPT LEGISLATION TO AUTHORIZE A SALES AND USE TAX FOR AFFORDABLE AND SUPPORTIVE HOUSING IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1406 (CHAPTER 338, LAWS OF 2019), AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.

WHEREAS, in the 2019 Regular Session, the Washington State Legislature approved, and the Governor signed, Substitute House Bill 1406 (Chapter 338, Laws of 2019) (“SHB 1406”); and

WHEREAS, SHB 1406 authorizes the governing body of a city or county to impose a local sales and use tax for the acquisition, construction or rehabilitation of affordable housing or facilities providing supportive housing, [and] for the operations and maintenance costs of affordable or supportive housing, [FOR COUNTIES of 400,000 or less, or CITIES of 100,000 or less: or, if eligible, for providing rental assistance to tenants]; and

WHEREAS, the tax will be credited against state sales taxes collected within the County and, therefore, will not result in higher sales and use taxes within the County and will represent an additional source of funding to address housing needs in the County; and

WHEREAS, the tax must be used to assist persons whose income is at or below sixty percent of the County median income; and

WHEREAS, the County has an unmet need for affordable rental housing as well as supportive housing for people exiting homelessness and has determined that imposing the sales and use tax to address this need will benefit its citizens; and

WHEREAS, in order for a city or county to impose the tax, within six months of the effective date of SHB 1406, or January 28, 2020, the governing body must adopt a resolution of intent to authorize the maximum capacity of the tax, and within twelve months of the effective date of SHB 1406, or July 28, 2020, must adopt legislation to authorize the maximum capacity of the tax; and

WHEREAS, this ordinance constitutes the resolution of intent required by SHB 1406; and

WHEREAS, the County Board of Commissioners now desires to declare its intent to impose a local sales and use tax as authorized by SHB 1406 as set forth herein;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE PEND OREILLE COUNTY AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Resolution of Intent. The County Board of Commissioners declares its intent to adopt legislation to authorize the maximum capacity of the sales and use tax authorized by SHB 1406 within one year of the effective date of SHB 1406, or by July 28, 2020.

Section 2. Further Authority; Ratification. All County officials, their agents, and representatives are hereby authorized and directed to undertake all action necessary or desirable from time to time to carry out the terms of, and complete the actions contemplated by, this ordinance. All acts taken pursuant to the authority of this ordinance but prior to its effective date are hereby ratified.

Section 3. Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect 10 days after the passage and publication.

ADOPTED this 30 day of December, 2019.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
PEND OREILLE COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

Absent
Karen Skoog, Chairman

Mike Manus
Mike Manus, Vice-Chairman

Stephen Kiss
Stephen Kiss, Member

ATTEST:

Crystal Zieske
Crystal Zieske, Clerk of the Board