

RESOLUTION 2009-550

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WAITSBURG CERTIFYING A CITIZEN PETITION

WHEREAS, the City of Waitsburg passed Ordinance 209-948 related to the imposition of a quarter of one percent real estate excise tax; and

WHEREAS, said ordinance provided for a Special initiative provision which states:

The ordinance codified in this chapter shall be subject to a special initiative for a 30-day period commencing at the time of final passage. The number of registered voters needed to sign a petition for special initiative shall be 15 percent of the total number of names of persons listed as registered voters within the city on the day of the last preceding municipal general election. If a special initiative petition is filed with the city council, the operation of the ordinance codified in this chapter shall be suspended until the special initiative petition is found insufficient or until the ordinance codified in this chapter receives a favorable majority vote by the voters. The procedures for referendum upon petition contained in RCW 35A.11.100 shall apply to any such special initiative petition; and

WHEREAS, a petition was filed with the City during the 30 day period containing 191 signatures; and

WHEREAS, the City filed said petition with the Walla Walla County Auditor in accordance with RCW 35A.11.100; and

WHEREAS, the Walla Walla County Auditor has accepted 159 signatures as valid and is sufficient to meet the 15% rule as stated above;

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Waitsburg that the petition is declared sufficient to halt the imposition of said tax until the next City Election; and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that matter will be placed on the next General City Election, scheduled to be held on April 5, 2010 and if the matter receives a favorable majority vote by the voters of the City of Waitsburg, it shall be imposed in full force on the first day of the following quarter after delivery to the Washington State Department of Revenue; if the matter fails, then it dies.

Passed by the City Council, City of Waitsburg, Washington on this 19th day of August, 2009.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

Markeeta Little Wolf
Mayor

Randy Hinchliffe
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Janelle Carman
City Attorney