

RESOLUTION NO. 2826

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF CENTRALIA, WASHINGTON PROVIDING FOR A BALLOT PROPOSITION TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF THE CENTRALIA TRANSPORTATION BENEFIT DISTRICT AT THE GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 4, 2025 TO COLLECT A SALES AND USE TAX WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS UPON ALL TAXABLE SALES AND USES IN THE AMOUNT OF TWO-TENTHS OF ONE PERCENT FOR A PERIOD OF NOT MORE THAN TEN YEARS FOR THE PURPOSE OF FUNDING TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENTS, 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, including the operation, preservation, and maintenance of streets, bridges, and other transportation infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the City of Centralia ("City") created the Centralia Transportation Benefit District ("District") on October 28, 2014 through Ordinance No. 2337; and

WHEREAS, the District is a separate and independent taxing authority comprised of the City Council acting in an ex officio and independent capacity with the authority to exercise the statutory powers granted to transportation benefit districts; and

WHEREAS, the District has the authority to collect a 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. TBD 2015-1 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 November 3, 2015; 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 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.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CENTRALIA, WASHINGTON:

Section 1. That the City Council hereby finds and declares it is in the best interests of the residents of the city to impose 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 for the purpose of funding transportation improvements, traffic engineering and control, and the general operation, maintenance, and repair of city streets, bridges, and other transportation infrastructure.

Section 2. That, at the general election on Tuesday, November 4, 2025, a proposition shall be submitted to the qualified voters of the City to renew the two-tenths of one percent (0.2%) sales and use tax currently being imposed on all taxable sales and uses based on selling price, in the case of a sales tax, or on the value of the article used, in the case of a use tax.

Section 3. That the sales and use tax authorized by the proposition shall be collected from all persons who are required to pay the tax imposed by Chapters 82.08 and 82.12 RCW; shall be imposed for a period of ten years from January 1, 2026; and shall be in addition to any other taxes authorized by law.

Section 4. That the proposition to be submitted by the Lewis County Auditor on behalf of the City shall be in substantially the following form:

PROPOSITION NO. _____

CENTRALIA TRANSPORTATION BENEFIT DISTRICT

SALES AND USE TAX LEVY FOR TRANSPORTATION NEEDS

The City of Centralia, acting as the Centralia Transportation Benefit District, adopted Resolution No. 2826 concerning a sales and use tax for transportation projects. This proposition would renew the current sales and use tax of two-tenths of one percent (0.2%) for an additional term of ten years, beginning January 1, 2026 and ending December 31, 2035, to fund transportation improvements, traffic engineering and control, and the general operation, maintenance, and repair of city streets, bridges, and other transportation infrastructure.

Should this proposition be:

Approved? _____

Rejected? _____

Section 5. That in the event the above proposition is approved by a majority vote of qualified voters, the City shall thereafter be authorized to implement the sales and use tax and use the proceeds to fund transportation improvements, traffic engineering and control, and the general operation, maintenance, and repair of city streets, bridges, and other transportation infrastructure.

Section 6. That if any section, sentence, clause, or phrase of this resolution is held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of any other section, sentence, clause, or phrase of this resolution.

ADOPTED the 10th day of June 2025.



Mayor

ATTEST:

Kristan McConnell
City Clerk

PREPARED BY:

Kyle Manley
City Attorney