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RESOLUTION NO. 2013-11

SUBJECT: Sales and Use Tax for Mental Health Treatment and/or Chemical Dependency Treatment Programs

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Jill A. Boltz
City Clerk

October 29, 2013
Date

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A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF POULSBO, WASHINGTON, TO ENCOURAGE THE KITSAP COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO ENACT A ONE-TENTH OF ONE PERCENT SALES AND USE TAX IN KITSAP COUNTY FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING FUNDS FOR PROVISION OF MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT AND/OR CHEMICAL DEPENDENCY TREATMENT PROGRAMS AND SERVICES, AND FOR THE OPERATION OR DELIVERY OF THERAPEUTIC COURT PROGRAMS AND SERVICES.

WHEREAS, the mental health and chemical dependency treatment programs and services have been shown effective in helping people recover from behavioral health illness, thereby reducing human and financial costs to society, and increasing the productivity of individuals as members of our community; and

WHEREAS, such services are known to prevent and reduce costly and unnecessary involvement with criminal justice and court system, emergency medical care, shelters, and crisis services, and promote recovery for persons with disabling mental illness and chemical dependency by implementing a full continuum of treatment, including outpatient treatment, housing, and case management services, and

WHEREAS, the public mental health system, funded by state and federal dollars, does not have adequate resources to provide outpatient treatment to non-Medicaid eligible individuals, and

WHEREAS, current and forecasted funding does not provide the needed funds to establish and/or maintain therapeutic court programs shown to reduce crime, recidivism and support recovery, and

WHEREAS, decreased availability of less costly behavioral health out-patient services rapidly results in use of emergent and far more expensive crisis services, where these increasingly scarce dollars must be used to treat people in costly inpatient units and hospitals, an unnecessary toll in both human suffering and financial burden, and

WHEREAS, the Washington State Legislature adopted in 2005, Chapter 504 (E2SSB 5763) authorizing counties to fix and impose a sales and use tax in the amount of one-tenth of one percent (1/10%) to provide new or expanded mental health or chemical dependency treatment programs and services that include but are not limited to treatment services, case management, and housing that are a component of a coordinated chemical dependency or mental health treatment program or services, and to provide for the operation of new or expanded therapeutic court programs, and

WHEREAS, 20 of 37 counties in Washington State have successfully enacted E2SSB 5763, in order to promote recovery for persons with disabling mental illness and chemical dependency; but Kitsap County has not adopted such a tax, and

WHEREAS, the City Council is gravely concerned the loss of local, state, and federal funds to our community has resulted in a diminished capacity to provide necessary behavioral health services for children, families, adults and older adults, and that the uncertain forecast for additional funding losses will result in an even greater lack of access to behavioral health care, compromising the health and safety of individuals and the community; now therefore,

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF POULSBO, WASHINGTON, DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The City Council stands firmly behind enactment of a sales and use tax increase in the amount of one-tenth of one percent (1/10%) to provide new or expanded mental health or chemical dependency treatment programs and services and recommends that Kitsap County adopt this tax to help ensure mental health and chemical dependency treatment programs and services, with specific attention to provision of services through the county jail, juvenile justice system, children's services and schools, county courts, inpatient and outpatient facilities, shelters and housing services for eligible, high need individuals.

SECTION 2. Severability. If any one or more sections, subsections, or sentences of this Resolution are held to be unconstitutional or invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion of this Resolution and the same shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 3. Effective Date. This Resolution shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage.

RESOLVED this 16th day of October, 2013.

APPROVED:



MAYOR, REBECCA ERICKSON

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATED:



CITY CLERK, JILL A. BOLTZ CMC

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