

**CITY OF MEDICAL LAKE
SPOKANE COUNTY, WASHINGTON
ORDINANCE NO. 1136**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MEDICAL LAKE, WASHINGTON, LEVYING
THE REGULAR PROPERTY TAXES FOR THE CITY OF MEDICAL LAKE,
WASHINGTON IN SPOKANE COUNTY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING
JANUARY 1, 2026 TO PROVIDE REVENUE FOR THE PROVISIONS OF CITY
SERVICES AS SET FORTH IN THE CITY BUDGET**

WHEREAS, State law authorizes the City of Medical Lake ("City") to levy regular property taxes upon the taxable property within the corporate limits in order to provide revenue for the 2025 current expense budget of the City;

WHEREAS, the City Council, after a public hearing and after duly considering all relevant evidence and testimony presented, has determined that the City desires a 0% increase in property tax revenue from the previous year, while receiving increases resulting from the addition of new construction and improvements to property, newly constructed wind turbines, any increase in the value of state assessed property, and any annexations that have occurred and refund made; and

WHEREAS, the City has met and considered its budget for the calendar year 2026; and

WHEREAS, the City's actual levy amount from the previous year was \$642,343.83; and

WHEREAS, the population of the City is less than 10,000; and

WHEREAS, RCW 84.52.020 requires the City Council on or before the 30th day of November to certify budget estimates to the Clerk of the Spokane County Board of Commissioners including amounts to be raised by taxing property in the City; and

WHEREAS, the City Council pursuant to notice has held a public hearing on the proposed budget estimates for 2026 on October 21, 2025, including revenue sources which will fund the provision of services; and

WHEREAS, after due consideration of the proposed 2026 budget and the related financial requirements the City Council desires to impose an ad valorem property tax as permitted by State law.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Medical Lake, Washington, do ordain as follows:

Section 1. Certification of Property Tax Levy. There shall be and is hereby levied and imposed upon real property, personal property, all new construction, utility property, and all property resulting from any annexations as defined in RCW Chapter 84.02 and 84.555.005 in the City of Medical Lake, Spokane County, Washington, a regular property tax increase over the 2025 levy of \$0.00 which is a 0% increase for the year commencing January 1, 2026, plus any additional revenue resulting from new construction and improvements to property, newly constructed wind turbines, any increase in the value of state assessed property, and any annexations that have occurred and refund made. The City of Medical Lake will bank this capacity in the event this increase is needed for subsequent years.

The regular property tax levied through this Ordinance is for the purpose of receiving revenue to make payment upon the general indebtedness of the City of Medical Lake, the general fund obligations and for the payment of services performed by or for the City during the 2026 calendar year.

Section 2. Notice to Spokane County. Pursuant to RCW 84.52.020, the City Clerk shall certify to the County Legislative Authority a true and correct copy of this Ordinance, as well as, the budget estimates adopted by the City Council in order to provide for and direct that the taxes levied herein shall be collected and paid to the City of Medical Lake at the time and in the manner provided by the laws of the State of Washington.

Section 3. Severability. If any section, sentence, clause, or phrase of this Ordinance should be 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 Ordinance.

PASSED by the City Council this 18th day of November 2025.



Mayor, Terri Cooper

ATTEST:



Finance Director/City Clerk Koss Ronholt

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



City Attorney, Sean P. Boutz

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NOTICE OF ORDINANCE PASSED BY MEDICAL LAKE CITY COUNCIL

The following is the title and summary of Ordinance No. 1136 passed by the City of Medical Lake City Council on the 18th day of November 2025.

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Section 1. The Council hereby authorizes no increase in the regular property tax levy amount to be collected in the 2026 tax year. This is exclusive of additional revenue resulting from new construction, improvements to property, newly constructed wind turbines, any increase in the value of state assessed property, any annexations that have occurred and refund made.

Section 2. Provides that the City Clerk shall certify and provide notice to Spokane County of Ordinance No. 1136 and the City of Medical Lake property taxes to be levied.

Section 3. Establishes a severability clause in the event some portion of the Ordinance is held invalid.

The full text of the Ordinance is available at the City of Medical Lake offices as identified above. A copy will be mailed to any citizen without cost upon request from the City's Clerk's office.


Koss Ronholt, Finance Director/City Clerk

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