ORDINANCE NO. 252

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SHORELINE, WASHINGTON LEVYING THE GENERAL TAXES FOR THE CITY OF SHORELINE IN KING COUNTY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING JANUARY 1, 2001, ON ALL PROPERTY BOTH REAL AND PERSONAL, IN SAID CITY WHICH IS SUBJECT TO TAXATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING SUFFICIENT REVENUE TO CONDUCT CITY BUSINESS FOR THE ENSUING YEAR AS REQUIRED BY LAW

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Shoreline has considered the City’s anticipated financial requirements for 2001 and the amounts necessary and available to be raised by ad valorem taxes on real, personal, and utility property; and,

WHEREAS, RCW 84.55.0101 authorizes the City, upon a finding of substantial need and approval by a majority plus one vote of the City Council, to use a levy limit up to 106% of the highest allowable levy, plus annexations and new construction; and,

WHEREAS, the City has a Capital Improvement Program (CIP) to develop the City’s infrastructure to urban standards, including park and road projects. The City’s 2001-2006 CIP includes $62.5 million of grant funding that is yet to be awarded. The completion of these projects, as proposed in the 2001-2006 CIP, is dependent on these grant resources and any required matching funds of which the City of Shoreline must generate. In addition to the projects contained within the City’s 2001-2006 CIP, the City’s Park, Open Space & Recreational Services Plan identified many park improvement projects that would be necessary to bring parks to the minimum standard desired by the City. These projects have not been included in the CIP due to limited financial resources. The cost of these improvements is estimated to be in excess of $10 million. In addition the City Council of Shoreline has identified economic development as a major Council Workplan Goal and additional public resources will be necessary in order for the City to participate in the funding of public improvements;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SHORELINE, WASHINGTON, DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Finding of Substantial Need. The City Council finds there is substantial need to use a levy limit of 103.9% of the statutory maximum levy, plus new construction, annexation, and any increase in the assessed value of state-assessed property for establishing the 2000 levy for collection in 2001.

Section 2. Levy Changes. The 2000 property tax levy for collection in 2001 is $5,933,565 (the amount levied in 1999 for collection in 2000), plus increases of $450,561 (7.59%) based on increases in assessed values, annexations and an increase equal to the amount allowed under the new construction provisions of RCW 84.55.010.
Section 3. 2001 Levy Rate. There shall be and hereby is levied on all real, personal, and utility property in the City of Shoreline, in King County, current taxes for the year commencing January 1, 2001, a levy at the rate of $1.5225 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation.

The said taxes herein provided for are levied for the purpose of payment upon the general indebtedness of the City of Shoreline, the General Fund, and for the maintenance of the departments of the municipal government of the City of Shoreline for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2001.

Section 4. Capital Transfer. The difference between the amount allowed under the limitation set forth in RCW 84.55.010 and the increase in assessed value (including new construction and annexations) will be placed in the General Capital Fund to be used for the long-term capital improvement needs of the City of Shoreline’s parks, transportation, surface water, and facility infrastructure.

Section 5. Notice to King County. This ordinance shall be certified to the proper County officials, as provided by law, and taxes herein levied shall be collected to pay to the Finance Department of the City of Shoreline at the time and in the manner provided by the laws of the State of Washington for the collection of taxes for noncharter code cities.

Section 6. Effective Date. This ordinance shall be in full force five days after publication of this ordinance, or a summary consisting of its title, in the official newspaper of the City, as provided by law.

Section 7. Severability. Should any section, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance, or its application to any person or circumstance, be declared unconstitutional or otherwise invalid for any reason, or should any portion of this Ordinance be preempted by State or Federal law or regulation, such decision or preemption shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance or its application to other persons or circumstances.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL ON NOVEMBER 27, 2000.

Mayor Scott Jepsen

ATTEST:

Sharon Mattioli, CMC
City Clerk

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APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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