


# AGENDA SHEET FOR COUNCIL MEETING OF: November 16, 2009

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- Public Safety \_\_\_\_\_
- Public Works \_\_\_\_\_

Neighborhood/Commission/Committee Notified: \_\_\_\_\_

Action Taken: \_\_\_\_\_

**AGENDA WORDING:**

(If contract, include the term.)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SPOKANE, WA, DECLARING AND FINDING A SUBSTANTIAL NEED FOR PURPOSES OF THE SETTING THE LIMIT FACTOR FOR THE PROPERTY TAX LEVY FOR 2010.

**BACKGROUND:**

(Attach additional sheet if necessary)

This is a companion resolution to the 2010 annual property tax levy. Because the rate of inflation this year is less than 1% that rate would govern the amount the Council may lawfully increase the total amount of property taxes for 2010 unless the Council also passes a resolution of substantial need. The submitted resolution would allow the Council to raise the amount of property taxes up to the 1% over last year's levy.

**RECOMMENDATION:** approve

<b>Fiscal Impact:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	<b>Budget Account:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
<input type="checkbox"/> Expenditure: \$	#
<input type="checkbox"/> Revenue: \$	#
<input type="checkbox"/> Budget Neutral	

**ATTACHMENTS:** Include in Packets:  
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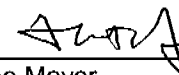
**SIGNATURES:**

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**FINANCE**  
 Department Head

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 Division Director

  
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 Finance

  
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 Legal

  
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 For the Mayor

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 Council President

**DISTRIBUTION:**  
 FINANCE - T. DUNIVANT  
 SPOKANE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
 SPOKANE COUNTY ASSESSOR  
 LEGAL - B. BEAUMIER

**COUNCIL ACTION:**

**RES 2009-0091**

*RESOLUTION*

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SPOKANE, WA, DECLARING AND FINDING A SUBSTANTIAL NEED FOR PURPOSES OF THE SETTING THE LIMIT FACTOR FOR THE PROPERTY TAX LEVY FOR 2010.

WHEREAS, RCW 84.55.010 provides that a taxing district such as the City of Spokane ("District") may levy taxes in an amount no more than the limit factor as provided therein multiplied by the highest levy of the most recent three years plus additional amounts resulting from new construction and improvements to property, newly constructed wind turbines, and any increase in the value of state-assessed utility property; and

WHEREAS, under RCW 84.55.005(2)(c), the limit factor for a taxing jurisdiction with a population of 10,000 or over is the lesser of 101 percent or 100 percent plus inflation; and

WHEREAS, RCW 84.55.005(1) defines "inflation" as the percentage change in the implicit price deflator for personal consumption expenditures for the United States as published for the most recent 12-month period by the Bureau of Economic Analysis of the federal Department of Commerce in September of the year before the taxes are payable; and

WHEREAS, "inflation" for July 2009 is a negative 0.848 percent (-0.848%) and the limit factor is 99.152 percent, meaning the taxes levied in the City of Spokane taxing district in 2009 for collection in 2010 would decrease except for the amounts resulting from new construction and improvements to property, newly constructed wind turbines, and any increase in the value of state-assessed utility property; and

WHEREAS, RCW 84.55.0101 provides for use of a limit factor of 101 percent or less with a finding of substantial need by two-thirds of the members when the board consists of four members or less, or a majority plus one approval of the board when the board consists of more than four members; and

WHEREAS, considering the increasing expenditures for the maintenance of essential governmental services, including increases outside the control of the City, the substantial financial impact concessions contributed by the broad base of bargaining units of city employees, increased savings and efficiencies in government operations, and considering further additional budget cuts and restrictions being adopted by the City, current financial circumstances of the City, and the diminishing or limited revenues available from City budget

resources to sustain essential government operations and services to the public;

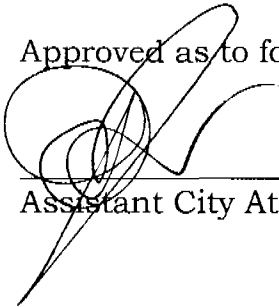
NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Spokane:

Section 1. A finding is made of substantial need under the provisions of RCW 84.55.0101, which need authorizes and requires the use of a limit factor of 101 PERCENT for the property tax levy for 2010.

PASSED the City Council by a vote of at least a majority plus one (at least 5) this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2009

\_\_\_\_\_  
City Clerk

Approved as to form:

  
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Assistant City Attorney 10 30 09