

RESOLUTION NO. 5460

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUBURN, WASHINGTON, OPPOSING INITIATIVE MEASURE NO. 976, AN INITIATIVE SEEKING TO REPEAL AUTHORITY TO IMPOSE CERTAIN VEHICLE TAXES, CHANGE VEHICLE VALUATION LAWS, AND LIMIT MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE FEES TO \$30.00

WHEREAS, as provided in chapter 36.73 RCW, the City formed a city-wide transportation benefit district (TBD) in 2011; and

WHEREAS, Initiative No. 976 was filed with the Washington State Legislature which did not act on the Initiative during the 2019 legislative session and, therefore, pursuant to RCW 29A.72.260, the Initiative will be presented to Washington State voters at the November 2019 General Election; and

WHEREAS, if passed by the voters in the November 2019 General Election, the Initiative would eliminate the TBD's authority to impose vehicle license fees; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the City's possible financial impact, the Initiative would reduce state transportation funding along with voter-approved funding for Sound Transit; and potentially reduce grant funding sources available to the City for transportation improvements.

WHEREAS, RCW 42.17A.555 permits the City Council to oppose a ballot proposition at an open public meeting so long as notice of the meeting includes the title and number of the ballot proposition and those expressing an opposing view are afforded an approximately equal opportunity to express an opinion;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUBURN, WASHINGTON, HEREBY RESOLVES:

Section 1. Statement in Opposition to Initiative No. 976. The Auburn City Council expresses its opposition to Initiative No. 976 and encourages the citizens of Auburn to reject Initiative No. 976, a measure repealing or removing authority to impose certain vehicle taxes and fees, including charges funding mass transit or regional transportation; change vehicle valuation laws; and limit motor vehicle license fees to \$30, except voter-approved changes; at the November 2019 General Election

Section 2. The Mayor is authorized to implement those administrative procedures necessary to carry out the directives of this legislation.

Section 3. This Resolution will take effect and be in full force on passage and signatures.

Dated and Signed: _____

CITY OF AUBURN

NANCY BACKUS, MAYOR

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Shawn Campbell, MMC, City Clerk

Steven L. Gross, City Attorney