

RESOLUTION NO. 1624

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIFE, PIERCE COUNTY, WASHINGTON URGING THE GOVERNOR AND LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON TO PRESERVE THE STREAMLINED SALES TAX MITIGATION DISTRIBUTION TO IMPACTED LOCAL JURISDICTIONS IN THE 2015-2017 BIENNIAL BUDGET

WHEREAS, the State of Washington entered into the Streamlined Sales Tax (“SST”) compact in 2007 changing the sourcing of local sales tax revenues from “point of origin” to “point of delivery”; and

WHEREAS, For several dozen cities, counties, and transit agencies – particularly those like the City of Fife that host major industrial and warehousing complexes - the change in sales tax sourcing had significant adverse budgetary impacts; and

WHEREAS, to help these communities, the Legislature made a commitment to an SST full mitigation program, to provide mitigation monies to assist these impacted jurisdictions until new “voluntary compliance” revenues and ultimately new internet sales tax revenues could meet or exceed their losses; and

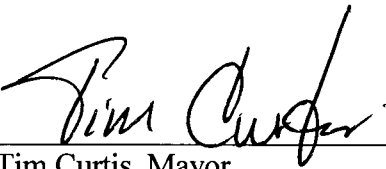
WHEREAS, in recognition of the negative fiscal impact of SST destination-based sourcing on many local jurisdictions throughout Washington, the State implemented a mitigation program; and

WHEREAS, the SST mitigation program has helped preserve and maintain local government services impacted jurisdictions throughout Washington State, including City of Fife; and


WHEREAS, continuation of the SST mitigation program is critical for the City of Fife to continue to provide the government services necessary to support and maintain the commercial and industrial facilities within the City that generate significant revenue for the Washington State General Fund; Now, Therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Fife, Washington hereby urges that Governor of the State of Washington to retain SST mitigation payments to local jurisdictions in his proposed 2015-2017 Operating Budget, and further urges the Legislature of the State of Washington to adopt the SST mitigation payments to local jurisdictions as proposed.

ADOPTED by the City Council at an open public meeting held on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of October, 2014.

  
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Tim Curtis, Mayor

Attest:

  
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Carol Etgen, City Clerk