

First Reading: 11/3/2015

Second Reading: 11/17/2015

ORDINANCE NO. 948

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BENTON CITY,
WASHINGTON, SETTING THE TAX LEVY FOR THE CITY
OF BENTON CITY, AND FIXING THE AMOUNT OF AD
VALOREM TAXES FOR THE YEAR 2016**

WHEREAS, the City pursuant to RCW 35A.33.135 is authorized by Ordinance to set the amount to be raised by ad valorem taxes to be levied; and

WHEREAS, as required by RCW 84.55.120, a public hearing was held on the revenue sources for the City's following years current expense budget and included consideration of possible increases in property tax revenues including those levied as ad valorem taxes, was held on the 6 day of October, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Benton City has met and considered its budget for the calendar year 2016; and

WHEREAS, the districts actual levy amount from the previous year was \$173,186; and

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

WHEREAS, the City Council having found a substantial need for the maximum or revenues permitted by RCW 84.55.010, and the City Council having approved this Ordinance by a majority plus one vote of the Council, NOW, THEREFORE,

**THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BENTON CITY, WASHINGTON, DO
ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:**

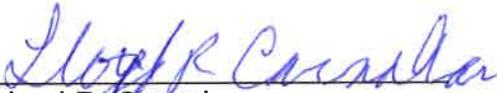
Section 1. For the purpose of certifying the annual tax levy for the budget year of 2016 for the City of Benton City, Washington, and upon consideration of the total financial requirements for the ensuing year, an increase in the regular property tax levy is hereby authorized for the levy to be collected in the 2016 tax year.

The dollar amount of the increase over the actual levy amount from the previous year shall be \$1,731.86 which is a percentage increase of 1% from the previous year. This increase 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, or any annexations that have occurred and refund made.

Section 2. The City Clerk is directed to transmit a certified copy of this Ordinance to the Board of Benton County Commissioners and to the Benton County Assessor on or before November 30, 2015.

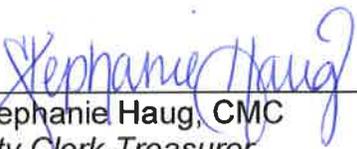
Section 3. This Ordinance shall take full force and effect following its passage by a majority plus one of the City Council, and five (5) days after its publication as required by law.

PASSED by the City Council of the City of Benton City, Washington, and approved as provided by law this 17 day of November 2015.



Lloyd R. Carnahan
Mayor

Attest:



Stephanie Haug, CMC
City Clerk-Treasurer

Approved as to Form:



Kerr Law Group
City Attorney