



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – June 27, 2018

Contact: Karla Slate, Communications and Marketing Manager
City of Covington
(253) 480-2402
kslate@covingtonwa.gov

COVINGTON SEEKING PRO/CON COMMITTEES FOR PROPOSED BALLOT MEASURE

Covington, WA – Individuals who are interested in writing a pro or con statement to be included in the November voters' pamphlet for a proposed sales tax increase to fund street maintenance should contact the city by July 15 to express their interest.

Covington City Council is proposing a two tenths of a percent (0.2%) sales tax increase to pay for the reinstatement of annual street overlays, enhanced asphalt patching and crack sealing, small street capital projects, and to sustain existing routine maintenance programs. This sales tax increase would raise Covington's sales tax rate from 8.6% to 8.8% and equates to only 1¢ on every \$5 of taxable purchases. Everyone who makes taxable purchases in Covington, including non-residents, would then be contributing to the street maintenance fund. If passed, the City Council will rescind the \$20 per vehicle car tab fee that only Covington residents are paying.

The Covington City Council has the responsibility to appoint committee members to prepare voters' pamphlet statements in favor of and in opposition to the ballot measure. The committees are required to submit statements of no more than 150 words to King County Elections by Aug. 14. King County Elections will then provide each committee with the opposing statement to prepare a rebuttal of no more than 75 words. Rebuttals are due back to King County Elections by Aug. 16. These statements will be printed in the voters' pamphlet to accompany the ballot measure title and explanatory statement.

Only three individuals may be appointed to each committee. Interested individuals or anyone with questions or comments regarding this process should contact Covington City Clerk Sharon Scott at (253) 480-2400 or sscott@covingtonwa.gov. The City Council will appoint the committee members at the July 24 regular city council meeting.

###