

**TIMBERLAND REGIONAL LIBRARY
INTERCOUNTY RURAL LIBRARY DISTRICT, WASHINGTON**

RESOLUTION NO. 26-002

A resolution providing for the submission of a proposition authorizing the District to increase its regular property tax levy in support of library services to the qualified electors of the District at an election to be held therein on November 3, 2026.

WHEREAS, pursuant to RCW 84.55.050, the Timberland Regional Library District (the "District") may levy regular property taxes in any calendar year in excess of the limit factor provided for in chapter 84.55 RCW when such levy has been authorized by a proposition approved by a majority of the voters of the District voting on the proposition at a general or special election within the District; and

WHEREAS, the District's primary funding source is the regular property tax levy, which is subject to Washington State's 1% annual growth cap and has resulted in a revenue shortfall that does not keep pace with inflation and rising operational costs; and

WHEREAS, the District last requested a levy lid lift during the February 2009 Special Election, at which time the District proposed to increase the District's regular property tax levy of \$.50 per \$1,000 assessed valuation, but that proposition was not adopted; and

WHEREAS, setting the levy to \$0.35 per \$1,000 of assessed value is expected to provide stable funding for future years, ensuring continued access to essential library services, programs, and resources for all District patrons; and

WHEREAS, without additional revenue, the District expects to have to reduce open hours, access to collections, critical services such as early literacy, technology access, engaging programming, outreach services, and delay essential maintenance and improvement of spaces; and

WHEREAS, the District's budgeting is a continuous process that is guided by the District's Strategic Direction and informed by the District's Mission, Vision and Values, and District staff work collaboratively with leadership to plan future projects as well as to identify needs and opportunities that have financial impacts; and

WHEREAS, the District deems it necessary to increase the regular property tax levy rate to \$0.35 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation to maintain current operations and sustain critical services for the residents of Grays Harbor, Lewis, Mason, Pacific and Thurston counties (together, the "Counties"); and

WHEREAS, the District's Board of Trustees (the "Board") deems it necessary to submit to the voters of the District the proposition of whether or not the District shall levy regular property taxes for collection in 2027 and 2028 in excess of the limit factor provided for in chapter 84.55 RCW;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Trustees of the Timberland Regional Library District resolves as follows:

Section 1. To maintain current library services, the Board finds and declares that it is necessary that the District permanently increase the regular property tax levy rate to \$0.35 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation for collection in 2027 and 2028, subject to applicable limitations. The proposed levy rate does not exceed the maximum rate permitted under RCW 27.12.222 or the aggregate levy limits under RCW 84.52.043. The 2028 levy dollar amount shall be used for the purpose of computing the limitations for subsequent levies as provided by Ch. 84.55 RCW. By law, such a proposition must be submitted to the voters of the District for their approval or rejection. If such a proposition is approved by the requisite number of voters, the District will be authorized to so act.

Section 2. The Board requests the County Auditors of the Counties, as *ex officio* supervisors of elections, to submit to the voters of the District at a general election to be held November 3, 2026, a proposition in substantially the following form, with such additions, deletions or modifications as may be prepared by the County Prosecutor of Lewis County, per RCW 29A.36.071(1).

Timberland Regional Library District

Proposition No. 1

Regular Property Tax Levy Lid Lift for Library Services,
Operations and Maintenance

The Timberland Regional Library District's Board of Trustees adopted Resolution No. 26-002 concerning a proposed increase of the District's regular levy rate.

If approved, this proposition would restore the District's regular property tax levy rate for library services, operations and maintenance from \$0.22 to \$0.35 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation for both 2027 and 2028, subject to applicable limitations. The resulting 2028 levy dollar amount would be used for the purpose of computing subsequent levy limitations under chapter 84.55 RCW.

Should this proposition be approved?

☐ Yes

☐ No

Section 3. The Board authorizes the inclusion of information regarding this proposition in the local voters' guides prepared by the County Auditors for the Counties, and authorizes the appropriate costs thereof to be charged to and paid by the District. The Board further authorizes and directs the Executive Director (interim or permanent) to provide such information, including submitting necessary materials, to the County Auditors of the Counties, and take such other actions as may be necessary or appropriate to that end.

Section 4. If any provision of this resolution is deemed invalid or unconstitutional for any reason, such determination shall not affect the validity of the remaining provisions, and this resolution shall be construed and enforced as if such unconstitutional or invalid provisions had not been contained herein.

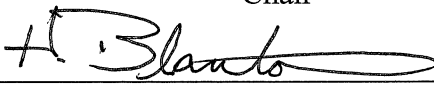
Section 5. The Executive Director (interim or permanent) is authorized and directed to deliver a certified copy of this Resolution to each of the County Auditors of the Counties no later than August 4, 2026, being the day of the primary election as required by RCW 29A.04.330(3) for measures to be submitted for the November 3, 2026 general election.

Section 6. This resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

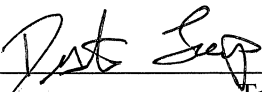
Adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Timberland Regional Library District at an open, public, regular meeting thereof held this day of July 22, 2026.



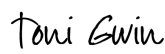
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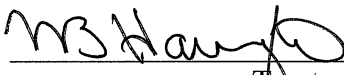
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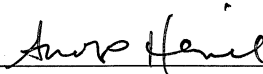
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