

ORDINANCE 1845

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF NORTH BEND, WASHINGTON, RELATING TO THE LEVYING OF REGULAR PROPERTY TAXES AND A VOTER-APPROVED EXCESS LEVY FOR UNLIMITED GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS INTEREST AND REDEMPTION FOR 2026; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, pursuant to RCW 84.55.120 and duly given public notice, the City Council of the City of North Bend held a public hearing on October 21, 2025, and November 18, 2025, to consider the City's revenue sources for the 2026 budget, including the consideration of possible increases in property tax revenues; and

WHEREAS, the City is required to annually set and establish the regular and any authorized excess property tax levy rate, subject to the limitations imposed by law; and

WHEREAS, on February 8, 2011, City voters approved Proposition 1 authorizing an excess property tax levy for unlimited general obligation bonds, proceeds of which were used to pay a share, in cooperation with King County Fire District 38, for the construction of a new fire station; and

WHEREAS, the City is required to annually set and establish the property tax levy rate for voted excess levies for general obligation bond issues approved by the voters, including subsequent refunded bond issues, subject to the limitations imposed by law; and

WHEREAS, the City's actual levy amount from the 2025 tax year was \$2,575,447; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of North Bend, after hearing and duly considering all relevant testimony, has determined that it is in the best interest of the City of North Bend to levy the total allowable amount of the regular property tax levy to be collected in the 2026 tax year in the amount of \$2,601,201; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of North Bend, after hearing and duly considering all relevant testimony, has determined that it is in the best interest of the City of North Bend to levy the total allowable amount of excess property tax levy to be collected in the 2026 tax year to provide for the interest and redemption of voter-approved unlimited general obligation bonds in the amount of \$148,750 which tax is applicable to all taxable property within the City of North Bend;

NOW THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH BEND, WASHINGTON, DO HEREBY ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Regular Property Tax Levy for 2026: An increase in the regular levy is hereby authorized for the fiscal year of 2026 in the amount of \$2,601,201, which represents a percentage increase of 1.00%, or \$25,754, from the previous year, to discharge the expected expenses and obligations of the City. This increase is exclusive of additional revenue resulting from new construction and improvements to property, and any additional amounts resulting from any annexations that have occurred, and refunds made.

In the event King County provides updated levy limit information after the passage of this ordinance, the levy provided herein shall be automatically adjusted to reflect such information.

Section 2. Voter-Approved Excess Property Tax Levy for Unlimited General Obligation Bonds for 2026: In addition to the above regular property tax levy, a tax is hereby levied to raise revenue to provide for the interest and redemption of voter-approved unlimited general obligation bonds for the fiscal year of 2026 in the amount of \$148,750. This tax is applicable to all taxable property within the City of North Bend.

Section 3. Severability: Should any section, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance, or its application to any person or circumstance, be declared unconstitutional or otherwise invalid for any reason, or should any portion of this ordinance be pre-empted by state or federal law or regulation, such decision or pre-emption shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance or its application to other persons or circumstances.

Section 4. Effective Date: This ordinance shall be published in the official newspaper of the City and shall take effect and be in full force on January 1, 2026.

ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH BEND, WASHINGTON, AT A REGULAR MEETING THEREOF, THIS 18TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2025.

CITY OF NORTH BEND:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Mary Miller, Mayor

Kendra Rosenberg, City Attorney

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATED:

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Effective: January 1, 2026

Susie Oppedal, City Clerk