CITY OF LIBERTY LAKE
SPOKANE COUNTY, WASHINGTON
RESOLUTION NO. 26-284

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF LIBERTY LAKE PROVIDING FOR SUBMISSION TO THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF THE CITY A PROPOSITION FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF A SALES AND USE TAX OF ONE-TENTH OF ONE PERCENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF FUNDING CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICES

WHEREAS, the City of Liberty Lake has observed substantial increases in costs associated with providing public safety and criminal justice services; and

WHEREAS, to continue to provide the current level of service for public safety and criminal justice activities, additional sources of revenue are necessary to ensure long-term sustainability; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to RCW 29A.04.175, a local legislative body may conduct a special election in conjunction with a general election; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to RCW 82.14.450, cities may submit an authorizing proposition to the city voters and, upon approval by a majority of persons voting, impose a sales and use tax of an amount not to exceed one-tenth of one percent for the purpose of funding criminal justice services; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to RCW 82.14.450, if the city adopts an ordinance or resolution to submit a ballot proposition to the voters to impose the sales and use tax prior to the county, the county must provide a credit against its tax to the extent the total county and city tax rate, pursuant to RCW 82.14.450, would not exceed three-tenths of one percent; and

WHEREAS, Spokane County intends to submit a ballot proposition for the November 3, 2026, general election to impose a sales and use tax for the remaining two-tenths of one percent pursuant to RCW 82.14.450, as stated above; and

WHEREAS, the best interests of the City are served by maximizing the return of this revenue back to the City of Liberty Lake.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LIBERTY LAKE, WASHINGTON, as follows:

Section 1. Findings. The Council finds that the interests of the City of Liberty Lake will be best served by placing before the voters a proposition for the consideration of a sales and use tax of one-tenth of one percent for the purpose of funding criminal justice services.

Section 2. Calling of Election. The Council requests that the Spokane County Elections Division call and conduct an election in the City of Liberty Lake, in the manner

provided by law, to be held on November 3, 2026, for the purpose of submitting to the voters of the City a proposition to impose a sales and use tax of one-tenth of one percent for the purpose of funding criminal justice services pursuant to RCW 82.14.450.

Section 3. Ballot Proposition. The Mayor is authorized and directed to certify, no later than August 4, 2026, to the Spokane County Elections Division, a copy of this Resolution and the following proposition to be submitted to the qualified voters at that election, in substantially the following form:

CITY OF
LIBERTY LAKE, WASHINGTON
PROPOSITION 1
IMPOSE A SALES AND USE TAX OF ONE-TENTH OF ONE PERCENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF FUNDING CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICES

The Liberty Lake City Council is calling for an election to consider the imposition of a sales and use tax of one-tenth of one percent for the purpose of funding public safety and criminal justice services pursuant to RCW 82.14.450.

Should the City impose this sales and use tax?

YES ☐
NO ☐

For purposes of receiving notice of the exact language of the ballot proposition required by RCW 29A.36.080, the Council hereby designates the City Clerk as the individual to whom such notice should be provided. The City Clerk, in consultation with the City Attorney, is authorized to approve changes to the ballot title, if any, deemed necessary by the Director of Elections.

The City Clerk is authorized to make necessary clerical corrections to this Resolution including, but not limited to, the correction of scrivener's or clerical errors, references, resolution numbering, section/subsection numbers, and any reference thereto.

The proper City officials are authorized to perform such duties as are necessary or required by law to submit this proposition to City of Liberty Lake voters at the November 3, 2026, election.

Section 4. Voters' Pamphlet. The Council finds and declares it to be in the best interests of the City to have information regarding this proposition included in local voters' pamphlets and authorizes the appropriate costs thereof to be charged to and paid by the City of Liberty Lake and further authorizes and directs the City Attorney and Finance Director to provide such information to the Spokane County Elections Division.

Section 5. Severability. If any section, sentence, clause, or phrase of this Resolution should be held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such

invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of any other section, sentence, clause, or phrase of this Resolution.

Section 6. Effective Date. This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon passage by the City of Liberty Lake City Council.

ADOPTED this 17th day of March, 2026.

Cris Kaminskas

Cris Kaminskas Mayor

Attest:

Rochelle Caton

Rochelle Caton, City Clerk

Approved As to Form:

Sean P. Boutz, City Attorney