

RESOLUTION NO. 255

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF UNIVERSITY PLACE, WASHINGTON,
URGING THE 2000 WASHINGTON LEGISLATURE REPLACE SALES TAX
EQUALIZATION FUNDS LOST AS A RESULT OF THE PASSAGE OF
INITIATIVE 695.**

WHEREAS, Initiative 695 was adopted by the voters of Washington and,

WHEREAS, the Initiative eliminated the motor vehicle excise tax which was the source of funding for basic services by cities and counties such as public safety and public health and,

WHEREAS, the motor vehicle excise tax also funded sales tax equalization a program which provided revenue to the vast majority of Washington cities that do not generate sufficient sales tax revenue within their cities to provide basic services and,

WHEREAS, cities, counties, and public health agencies have all suffered significant revenue losses as a result of passage of the initiative and,

WHEREAS, the essential services that were funded from these revenues must continue and,

WHEREAS, the cities of Pierce County all believe the 2000 Washington Legislature must address the local government funding problems created by passage of the initiative and,

WHEREAS, the cities of Pierce County all believe the revenue lost to public health agencies, sales tax equalization, and public safety/criminal justice are equally important; NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF UNIVERSITY PLACE AS FOLLOWS:

That all of the cities in Pierce County respectfully urge the 2000 Washington Legislature to provide sufficient short term funding to cities and counties to replace the public health, sales tax equalization and public safety/criminal justice funds lost as a result of the passage of Initiative 695 and to begin the process of identifying stable long-term funding mechanisms to assure that local governments can continue to provide essential public services.

ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL ON JANUARY 18, 2000


Lorna Smith, Mayor

ATTEST:


Susan Matthew, City Clerk