

RESOLUTION NO. 282

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF A PROPOSITION ON THE SEPTEMBER 19, 2000 ELECTION BALLOT TO IMPOSE A SALES AND USE TAX EQUAL TO ONE-TENTH OF ONE PERCENT (0.001%) WITHIN PIERCE COUNTY, TO ACQUIRE, IMPROVE, REHABILITATE, MAINTAIN OR DEVELOP REGIONAL AND LOCAL PARKS; TO IMPROVE REHABILITATE, MAINTAIN OR EXPAND ACCREDITED ZOO, AQUARIUM AND WILDLIFE PRESERVES PURSUANT TO REVISED CODE OF WASHINGTON 82.14.400 (6); FOR COMMUNITY-BASED HOUSING; AND TO IMPLEMENT THE CREATION OF A ZOO AND AQUARIUM ADVISORY AUTHORITY; AND ALLOCATING CITY FUNDS THROUGH THE PARKS CAPITAL FACILITIES PLAN/CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM.

**WHEREAS**, the 1999 Washington State Legislature, with amendments in the 2000 Legislature, authorized placement of a sales and use tax measure on the Pierce County ballot to support currently accredited zoo, aquarium, and wildlife facilities and other costs related to parks countywide; and

**WHEREAS**, the Pierce County Council on July 11, 2000, in Resolution No. R2000-70, supported the request of the Tacoma Metropolitan Park District and the City of Tacoma to place a sales and use tax on the September 19, 2000 ballot; and

**WHEREAS**, one-half of the revenue produced by the one-tenth of one percent (0.001%) tax would be dedicated to Point Defiance Zoo and Aquarium and Northwest Trek Wildlife Park, and the remaining one-half would be distributed, on a per capita basis, to the County, the Metropolitan Park District, and any city/town not located in the Metropolitan Park District, strictly for park purposes; and

**WHEREAS**, a new Zoo and Trek Advisory Authority (ZTA) would be established, with membership from appointed Pierce County officials who serve as county executive, mayors, or members of a county, city, or town council; and

**WHEREAS**, if the ballot measure is approved by voters, the City of University Place would receive an estimated allocation of \$180,000, or slightly more annually, for costs related to parks; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of University Place has adopted a Comprehensive Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan, and allocates funds and sets priorities for parks projects through an annual Capital Improvement Program; **NOW THEREFORE**,

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

Section 1. Support of use and sales tax ballot proposition. This resolution constitutes support of a Pierce County sales and use tax proposition on the September 19, 2000 ballot to support Point Defiance Zoo and Aquarium, Northwest Trek and other regional and local parks in the unincorporated county, cities, and towns.

Section 2. Allocation of funds. The funds received if voters approve the ballot measure shall be expended by the City of University Place based on priorities set in the Parks Capital Facilities/Capital Improvement Plan, with opportunity for public involvement and comment.

Section 3. Effective Date. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

**ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL ON AUGUST 21, 2000.**

  
Lorna Smith, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

  
Susan Matthew, City Clerk