

RESOLUTION NO. 654

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF UNIVERSITY PLACE, WASHINGTON,
DEDICATING THE CITY'S PROPERTY TAX REVENUE TO PUBLIC SAFETY**

WHEREAS, the City's largest single source of revenue is property tax, which is estimated to be approximately \$3.7 million in 2011 and \$3.8 million in 2012; and

WHEREAS, property tax is a general City revenue available for general City purposes, as determined by the City Council; and

WHEREAS, the City's property tax rate is approximately eight percent of the average University Place homeowner's total property tax bill; and

WHEREAS, the City's largest expense is for public safety, which is estimated to exceed \$4.4 million in 2011 and \$4.6 million in 2012; and

WHEREAS, the City Council for the City of University Place desires to provide its residents and taxpayers with a clear understanding of where the City spends its property tax revenue; and

WHEREAS, the City Council for the City of University Place desires to dedicate its property tax revenue to fund public safety expenditures, thereby clarifying for residents and taxpayers the direct relationship between property taxes paid and the public safety services provided by the City; and


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

Section 1. Public Safety Dedicated Fund Established. The City Council for the City of University Place hereby directs the City Manager to dedicate all of the City's property tax revenue to fund the City's public safety expenses.

Section 2. Public Safety Expenses Defined. Public safety expenses shall include expenses for police services, court services, jail, City Attorney's Office, crime prevention, animal control, code enforcement, and emergency management.

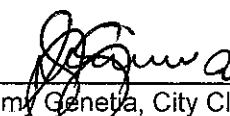
Section 3. Effective Date. This resolution shall take effect in 2011 and continue thereafter.

ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL AUGUST 23, 2010.



Debbie Klosowski, Mayor

ATTEST:



Emi Geneta, City Clerk