

CITY OF BLAINE
REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION
MEETING DATE: November 27, 2006

SUBJECT: Ordinance 06-2650, Property Tax Levies for 2007

SUBMITTING DEPT: Finance Department

PREPARED BY: Meredith Riley

AGENDA LOCATION: Comments/Communications , Consent , Committee Reports ,
Unfinished Business , New Business , Public Hearing , Standing Committees

ATTACHMENTS: Ordinance 06-2650 - 2007 Property Tax Levy, Exhibit A Estimated Property Tax; Computation for Regular Levy and 2002 UTGO Fire Station Bond Levy; Estimated Levy Rates on home values.

SUMMARY/BACKGROUND: The State law requires the City to pass the 2007 property tax levy before November 30th. The County Assessor figures on the assessed property valuation are not available at this time. The attached Ordinance represents an estimated levy increase for the regular levy at 1%. I-747 allows cities to increase property taxes by 1% of the previous year's levy. The City is constrained to a total levy rate of \$3.60, less the Library and Fire District levies. The amount the two Districts are levying for 2007 is not known at this time.

RECOMMENDATION: Waive 2nd Reading: (Include conditions of approval if applicable) Staff recommends that City Council approve the property tax levy prior to November 30th.

FISCAL ANALYSIS: The Library and Fire District levies are not known at this time and will affect the amount the City is able to levy. The estimated amounts are: Total City Regular Levy \$819,450; and 2002 UTGO Fire Station Bond \$135,820.

REVIEWED BY:
City Manager _____ Finance Director _____ City Clerk _____

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 Approved Denied Tabled/Deferred Assigned to: _____

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ORDINANCE 06-2650

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BLAINE, WASHINGTON RELATING TO
THE 2007 BUDGET AND THE SETTING OF THE AD VALOREM TAX LEVIES FOR 2007
AND SETTING FORTH THE INCREASE FOR THE
REGULAR PROPERTY TAX LEVY**

WHEREAS, pursuant to State statute (RCW 84.55.120) the City is required to hold a public hearing and submit on or before November 30th of each year to the County an ordinance setting the annual property tax levy; and

WHEREAS, the assessed valuation, impacts of new construction and improvements, and changes in the state assessed utility valuations are not available from the County Assessor at the time of preparation of this ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the statutes require the adoption of the ordinance prior to the information being available from the County Assessor; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on November 13, 2006 to discuss the annual 2007 property tax levy; and

WHEREAS, the Blaine City Council has met and considered its budget for the calendar year 2007; and,

WHEREAS, the population of this city is less than 10,000; and

WHEREAS, the Blaine City Council desires to levy a regular property tax levy for 2007 that will include an increase from the previous year in the amount of \$7,893.41, which is a percentage increase of 1% from the previous year. This increase is exclusive of additional revenue resulting from new construction, improvements to property, newly constructed wind turbines, any increase in the value of state assessed property, any annexations that have occurred and refunds made; and

WHEREAS, the Blaine City Council will levy an excess levy as necessary to provide for the payment of the debt service on the 2002 General Obligation Bond for the Fire Station as passed at the September 18, 2001 Primary Election;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY OF BLAINE DOES ORDAIN:

Section 1. The Ad Valorem taxes for the City of Blaine for the 2007 budget are subject to the following levies:

A. The total regular levy for 2006 was \$789,341 consisting of:

General Fund Levy	\$114,897
Street Improvement Lid Lift	\$433,571
Street Maintenance Lid Lift	\$240,873

48 To this amount pursuant to RCW 84.55.120 will be added \$7,893.41 which is a 1% increase from the
49 previous year. In addition to this levy will be added the full amount available from any new construction
50 and improvements to property, and changes in the state assessed utility valuations.

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52 B. To redeem the 2002 General Obligation Bond for the Fire Station as passed on September 18, 2001
53 an excess levy of approximately \$0.27 per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation will be levied.

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55 **Section 2.** At such time as the assessed valuation figures become available from the State and Whatcom
56 County Assessor, the computations will be administratively made to reflect the legislative direction
57 provided and attached hereto as "Exhibit A" and incorporated by reference herein.

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59 **Section 3:** If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance is for any reason held
60 to be invalid or unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of
61 this ordinance.

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63 **Section 4:** Any ordinance or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

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65 **Section 5:** This ordinance shall be in full force and in effect five (5) days after its passage, approval and
66 publication as provided by law.

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68 PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BLAINE, WASHINGTON on the 27th day of
69 November, 2006, and approved by the Mayor on the same day.

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71 CITY OF BLAINE, WASHINGTON

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73 By: _____
74 Mike Myers, Mayor

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76 ATTEST:

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78 Sheri Sanchez, City Clerk

THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENT IS MADE A PART OF ORDINANCE 06-2650, AS EXHIBIT "A"

I, Meredith G. Riley, Finance Director for the City of Blaine, Washington, do hereby certify that the following is the City of Blaine's 2007 tax levy request, as adopted on November 27, 2006, by the Blaine City Council, as same appears on record in the Office of the City Clerk.

	<u>ESTIMATED ASSESSED VALUATION</u>
<u>REGULAR LEVY REQUEST</u>	\$505,833,322
<u>TOTAL REGULAR LEVY</u> \$1.62000 per thousand =	 \$ 819,450
<u>EXCESS LEVY REQUEST</u>	 <u>ESTIMATED ASSESSED VALUATION EXCESS LEVY</u>
2002 U.T.G.O. Fire Station Bond \$0.27000 per thousand =	 <u>135,820</u>
<u>TOTAL CITY LEVY</u> \$1.89000 per thousand	 <u>\$ 955,270</u>
Dated this _____ day of _____, 200__.	
_____ Meredith G. Riley, Finance Director City of Blaine, Washington	
cc: Gary Tomsic, City Manager Blaine City Council	

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