

RESOLUTION NO. 1407

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DES MOINES, WASHINGTON, opposing Initiative Measure No. 976, an initiative seeking to repeal authority to impose certain vehicle taxes, change vehicle valuation laws, and limit motor vehicle license fees to \$30.00.

WHEREAS, as provided in chapter 36.73 RCW, the City formed a city-wide transportation benefit district (TBD) in 2009 and imposed a \$20.00 vehicle license fee for arterial roadway maintenance, and

WHEREAS, with the adoption of Ordinance No. 1634, the City increased the vehicle license fee by \$20.00, to \$40.00, to support pavement overlays of the City's arterial roadway network, and

WHEREAS, Initiative No. 976 was filed with the Washington State Legislature which did not act on the Initiative during the 2019 legislative session and, therefore, pursuant to RCW 29A.72.260, the Initiative will be presented to Washington state voters at the November 2019 General Election, and

WHEREAS, if passed by the voters in the November 2019 General Election, the Initiative would eliminate the TBD's authority to impose vehicle license fees and repeal the vehicle license fees already imposed by the City, resulting in a funding loss of approximately \$944,000 annually, and

WHEREAS, RCW 42.17A.555 permits the City Council to oppose a ballot proposition at an open public meeting so long as notice of the meeting includes the title and number of the ballot proposition and those expressing an opposing view are afforded an approximately equal opportunity to express an opinion; now therefore,

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DES MOINES RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

Sec. 1. Statement in Opposition to Initiative No. 976. The Des Moines City Council hereby expresses its opposition to Initiative No. 976 and encourages the citizens of Des Moines to reject Initiative No. 976, a measure repealing or removing authority to impose certain vehicle taxes and fees, including charges funding mass transit or regional transportation; change vehicle valuation laws; and limit motor vehicle license fees to \$30, except voter-approved changes; at the November 2019 General Election.

Sec. 2. This Resolution shall take effect and be in full force immediately upon passage by the City Council.

ADOPTED BY the City Council of the City of Des Moines, Washington this 17th day of October, 2019 and signed in authentication thereof this 17th day of October, 2019.



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APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Assistant City Attorney

ATTEST:



City Clerk/Communications Director