

**CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET**

ITEM NO: Action A 3
DATE: November 8, 2007
SUBJECT: First Reading of Ordinance 965-07 Setting the tax levy for 2004 GO Police Bond
CONTACT PERSON: Laura Koenig, Clerk/Deputy Finance Director

ISSUE:

The issue before the Council is the first reading of Ordinance 965-07 (Attachment A) which sets the tax levy for the 2004 General Obligation Police Bond.

SUMMARY:

Voted bonds were issued in 2004 in the amount of \$399,750 for the City's share of the Snohomish County 911 Emergency Radio system and for public safety and health improvements to the Police Department

The City has paid for the 911 Emergency Radio system and needs to complete the connection in the Police Department. Additional safety improvements will be completed in the Police Department building in 2008. The remaining balance in the fund is \$36,947.

This was a 20 year bond issue with average payments of \$31,000 per year. Additional property taxes are levied annually to cover the cost of the bonds. The average cost per household is \$19.25 per year.

Funding Source: Tax levy on real property
Expense: Bond Principle and Interest payments of \$31,045

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Adoption of Ordinance 965-97 to levy an additional property tax on each tax parcel within the City limits.
2. Don't adopt Ordinance 965-07. This would require that the City pay for the bonds from General Fund revenues.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Adopt Ordinance 965-07 setting the 2008 General Obligation Police bond tax levy.

MOTION:

Move to introduce Ordinance 965-07 2008 Tax Levy for the General Obligation Police bond for a first reading and pass on to a second reading on November 15, 2007.

Attachments: A. Ordinance 965-07

**CITY OF SULTAN
SULTAN WASHINGTON**

ORDINANCE 965-07

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SULTAN FIXING THE AMOUNT
OF TAXES TO BE LEVIED FOR THE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS
AS APPROVED BY THE VOTERS ON TAXABLE PROPERTY WITHIN THE
CITY OF SULTAN FOR THE YEAR 2008

WHEREAS, Proposition No. 1 Emergency Radio System and Health and Safety Bonds was approved by the voters on September 14, 2004, and

WHEREAS, that election allowed bonds to be issued and a regular property tax to be levied each year for a maximum term of 20 years, and

WHEREAS, the bonds have been issued and taxes need to be collected, now therefore

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SULTAN that Snohomish County tax the City's taxpayers for the year 2008 for a total of Thirty one thousand and forty five dollars and 00/100 (\$31,045.00) so as to cause collection of these funds to cover the cost of the required bond debt service payments.

Effective Date: This ordinance shall be in full force and effect five days after publication as required by law.

REGULARLY ADOPTED this day of day of November 2007.

Benjamin Tolson, Mayor

Attest:

Laura J. Koenig, City Clerk

Approved as to form:

Thom Graafstra, City Attorney

Published:

ATTACHMENT A