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EXECUTIVE/COUNCIL APPROVAL FORM**MANAGEMENT ROUTING:**

EXECUTIVE Dave Somers
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 DIV. MGR. _____
 DIVISION _____
 ORIGINATOR Susan Neely
 DATE May 18, 2018 EXT. 3695

TO: COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON:**SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL****EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION:**

Approve _____ No Recommendation
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Susan Neely
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5-18-185/18/18PL 3:40pm 5/18/18**DOCUMENT TYPE:**

_____ BUDGET ACTION:
 _____ Emergency Appropriation
 _____ Supplemental Appropriation
 _____ Budget Transfer
 _____ CONTRACT:
 _____ New
 _____ Amendment

_____ GRANT APPLICATION

 ORDINANCE

_____ Amendment to Ord. # _____

_____ PLAN

_____ OTHER

DOCUMENT / AGENDA TITLE:

An ordinance providing for submission to the qualified voters of the County a proposition authorizing a local sales and use tax of one-tenth of one percent (0.1%) for emergency communication systems and facilities.

APPROVAL AUTHORITY:

EXECUTIVE _____

COUNCIL CITE BASIS RCW 82.14.450**HANDLING:**NORMAL

EXPEDITE _____

URGENT _____

DEADLINE DATE 7-31-18**PURPOSE:**

To authorize a ballot measure for the November 2018 election that would implement a new one-tenth of 1% sales tax to be used exclusively for emergency communication systems and facilities as authorized by RCW 82.14.420.

BACKGROUND:

The #1 public safety issue facing Snohomish County first responders is ensuring a viable radio system that allows dispatching as well as communication once on scene. The current system, owned and operated by SERS, is 20 years' old and after 2020, will no longer be supported by the vendor. The technology is outdated, the system cannot be expanded, radios need to be replaced, two to three towers need to be added, and other essential equipment needs to be upgraded or replaced. After an RFP process, Motorola was selected as the vendor for the upgrade/replacement. SERS staff is in the process of negotiating a contract. The total project, including project management, is estimated to cost \$70- \$75 million.

RCW 82.14.420 authorizes counties to submit a proposition to the voters to impose a one-tenth of one percent sales and use tax "for costs associated with financing, design, acquisition, construction, equipping, operating, maintain, remodeling, repairing, reequipping and improvement of emergency communication systems and facilities." Voter approval would ensure sufficient resources to replace the current system and would allow future upgrades, as well as maintain, support and enhance emergency communications. If approved by the voters, the sales and use tax would take effect on April 1, 2019.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:

EXPEND: FUND, AGY, ORG, ACTY, OBJ, AU	2019	2020	1 st 5 Years
Emergency Communications Sales Tax exp	\$9,443,633	\$16,764,800	\$80,634,753
TOTAL	\$9,443,633	\$16,764,800	\$80,634,753

REVENUE: FUND, AGY, ORG, REV, SOURCE	2019	2020	1 st 5 Years
Emergency Communications Sales Tax rev	\$9,443,633	\$16,764,800	\$80,634,753
TOTAL	\$9,443,633	\$16,764,800	\$80,634,753

DEPARTMENT FISCAL IMPACT NOTES:

BUDGET REVIEW: Analyst *[Signature]* Administrator *[Signature]* Recommend Approval

CONTRACT INFORMATION:

ORIGINAL _____ CONTRACT # _____ AMOUNT \$ _____
 AMENDMENT _____ CONTRACT # _____ AMOUNT \$ _____

CONTRACT PERIOD:

ORIGINAL Start _____ End _____
 AMENDMENT Start _____ End _____

CONTRACT / PROJECT TITLE:

CONTRACTOR NAME & ADDRESS (City/State only):

APPROVED:

RISK MANAGEMENT Yes _____ No N/A

COMMENTS _____

PROSECUTING ATTY - AS TO FORM: Yes X No _____

OTHER DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW / COMMENTS:

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NON-ELECTRONIC ATTACHMENTS:

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3 SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL
4 SNOHOMISH COUNTY, WASHINGTON
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7 ORDINANCE NO. 18-
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10 PROVIDING FOR SUBMISSION TO THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF
11 THE COUNTY A PROPOSITION AUTHORIZING A LOCAL SALES
12 AND USE TAX OF ONE TENTH OF ONE PERCENT (0.1%) FOR
13 EMERGENCY COMMUNICATION SYSTEMS AND FACILITIES;
14 ADOPTING A NEW CHAPTER 4.30 SCC
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17 WHEREAS, the emergency radio system used by 19 local law
18 enforcement and 22 fire protection agencies throughout Snohomish County to
19 communicate with each other and with countywide 911 emergency dispatch has
20 reached the end of its useful life; and
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22 WHEREAS, uninterrupted critical communications capability and
23 infrastructure are necessary to conduct effective emergency public safety
24 operations involving first responders; and
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26 WHEREAS, the health, welfare and safety of the residents, visitors and
27 businesses in Snohomish County require that the county, fire districts, cities, and
28 towns have emergency communications capability in order to provide life-saving,
29 vital police and fire services to the public in a timely, reliable, and effective
30 manner; and
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32 WHEREAS, the Snohomish County Emergency Radio System (SERS)
33 Board has requested that Snohomish County authorize funding to provide for the
34 purchase, design, installation and operation of a new emergency radio system to
35 replace the current emergency radio system that has reached the end of its
36 useful life; and
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38 WHEREAS, RCW 82.14.420 authorizes the county to submit an
39 authorizing proposition to the voters to impose a one tenth of one percent (0.1%)
40 sales and use tax "for costs associated with financing, design, acquisition,
41 construction, equipping, operating, maintaining, remodeling, repairing,
42 reequipping, and improvement of emergency communication systems and
43 facilities;" and
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1 WHEREAS, revenue raised from this additional sales tax will be expended
2 for these priority purposes: 1) repayment of bonds used to finance emergency
3 communications equipment and infrastructure, 2) setting aside sufficient capital
4 for future equipment replacements - including technology upgrades and
5 infrastructure improvements, and 3) providing funds for maintenance and
6 operation costs paid by system users; and

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8 WHEREAS, the County will enter into an agreement with SERS to own
9 and maintain the new emergency radio system, and

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11 WHEREAS, it is deemed necessary and advisable for Snohomish County
12 to impose an additional local sales and use tax of one tenth of one percent
13 (0.1%) as authorized by RCW 82.14.420 in order to replace the current
14 emergency radio system and to provide consistent levels of emergency radio
15 communications countywide.

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17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED:

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19 Section 1. Submission to Voters. A ballot proposition shall be submitted to
20 the qualified voters of the county pursuant to RCW 82.14.420 to authorize the
21 county council to fix and impose a local sales and use tax of one tenth of one
22 percent (0.1% -- 10 cents for every \$100) to provide funds to be used exclusively
23 for emergency communication systems and facilities in accordance with new
24 chapter 4.30 SCC as set forth in section 4 of this ordinance.

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26 Section 2. Election Authorization. At a special election hereby called by
27 the county council to coincide with the general election to be held on November
28 6, 2018, a proposition in substantially the following form shall be submitted to the
29 voters of Snohomish County:

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31 SNOHOMISH COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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33 PROPOSITION NUMBER ___

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35 EMERGENCY COMMUNICATION SYSTEMS AND FACILITIES
36 SALES AND USE TAX

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38 The Snohomish County Council passed Ordinance No. 18-XXX
39 concerning an emergency communication systems and facilities sales and use
40 tax. This proposition would authorize the imposition of a countywide sales and
41 use tax, in addition to any other taxes authorized by law, of one tenth of one
42 percent (0.1% -- 10 cents for every \$100) to be used for emergency
43 communication systems and facilities, as authorized by RCW 82.14.420. Should
44 this proposition be:

1 Approved

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3 Rejected

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5 Section 3. Auditor's Duties. The auditor shall cause notice of the
6 proposed proposition to be published in accordance with the state constitution
7 and general law and place the proposed proposition upon the ballot of the
8 countywide election held on November 6, 2018.

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10 Section 4. Chapter 4.30 SCC Adopted.

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12 If a sales and use tax is authorized by a majority of voters in the special
13 election conducted pursuant to Section 2 of this ordinance, the following new
14 chapter is added to Title 4 of the Snohomish County Code:

15 Chapter 4.30

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18 Emergency Communication Systems and Facilities
19 Sales and Use Tax

20 Sections:

- 21 4.30.010 Imposition of sales and use tax.
- 22 4.30.020 Rate of tax imposed.
- 23 4.30.030 Collection and administration.
- 24 4.30.040 Emergency communication systems and facilities
- 25 4.30.040 fund.
- 26 4.30.050 Use of fund.
- 27 4.30.060 Emergency communication systems and facilities
- 28 4.30.060 advisory board.
- 29 4.30.070 Powers and duties of advisory board.
- 30 4.30.080 Appointment to advisory board.
- 31 4.30.080
- 32 4.30.900 Severability.

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34 4.30.010 Imposition of sales and use tax.

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36 There is hereby imposed a sales and use tax, as authorized by
37 RCW 82.14.420, upon every taxable event occurring within Snohomish
38 County. The tax shall be imposed upon and collected from those persons
39 from whom the state sales and use tax is collected pursuant to chapters
40 82.08 and 82.12 RCW. The sales and use tax imposed pursuant to this
41 chapter shall be in addition to those sales and use taxes imposed under
42 chapters 4.24 and 4.25 SCC.

1 4.30.020 Rate of tax imposed.

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3 The rate of tax imposed by SCC 4.30.010 shall be one-tenth of one
4 percent (0.1%) of the selling price (in the case of sales tax) or value of the
5 article used (in the case of the use tax).
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7 4.30.030 Collection and administration.

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9 (1) The tax imposed by SCC 4.30.010 shall be collected and
10 administered in accordance with RCW 82.14.420. The county executive is
11 authorized and directed to execute any contracts with the state
12 department of revenue that may be necessary to provide for collection or
13 administration of the tax.
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15 (2) All revenues from the tax imposed by 4.30.010 shall be
16 deposited into the emergency communication systems and facilities
17 program fund created by SCC 4.30.040.
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19 4.30.040 Emergency communication systems and facilities program
20 fund.

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22 (1) There is hereby created the emergency communication
23 systems and facilities program fund. The resources of the fund shall
24 consist of tax revenues into the fund pursuant to SCC 4.30.030 plus any
25 investment or other income to the fund.
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27 (2) The director of the finance department shall serve as fund
28 manager and shall have the duties set out in SCC 4.05.050.
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30 4.30.050 Use of fund.

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32 Monies received from the tax imposed by SCC 4.30.010 shall be
33 used for countywide emergency communication systems and facilities
34 purposes as required by RCW 82.14.420. For purposes of this section,
35 "emergency communication systems" has the same meaning as provided
36 by RCW 82.14.420.
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38 4.30.060 Emergency communication systems and facilities
39 program advisory board.

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41 There is hereby created the emergency communication systems
42 and facilities program advisory board to serve in an advisory capacity
43 regarding implementation and use of the tax imposed by SCC 4.30.010.
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ATTEST:

Clerk of the Council

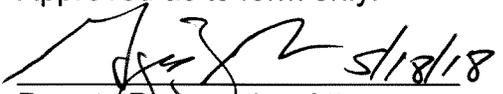
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DATE: _____

County Executive

ATTEST:

Approved as to form only:



 Deputy Prosecuting Attorney