

RESOLUTION 2020-001

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BINGEN,
WASHINGTON, REPEALING RESOLUTION 2019-005 AND DECLARING THE CITY
DOES NOT INTEND ADOPT LEGISLATION TO AUTHORIZE A SALES AND USE
TAX FOR AFFORDABLE AND SUPPORTIVE HOUSING IN ACCORDANCE WITH
SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1406 (CHAPTER 33, LAWS OF 2019), AND OTHER
MATTERS RELATED THERETO**

WHEREAS, in the 2019 Regular Session, the Washington State Legislature approved, and the Governor signed, Substitute House Bill 1406 (Chapter 338, Laws of 2019) (“SHB 1406”); and

WHEREAS, SHB 1406 authorizes the governing body of a city or county to impose a local sales and use tax for the acquisition, construction or rehabilitation of affordable housing or facilities, providing supportive housing, for the operations and maintenance costs of affordable or supportive housing, and for providing rental assistance to tenants; and

WHEREAS, the tax will be credited against state sales taxes collected within the City and Klickitat County and, therefore, will not result in higher sales and use taxes within the City and Klickitat county and will represent an additional source of funding to address housing needs in the City and Klickitat county; and

WHEREAS, the tax must be used to assist persons whose income is at or below sixty percent of the City and Klickitat County’s median income; and

WHEREAS, the City and Klickitat County has an unmet need for affordable rental housing as well as supportive housing for people exiting homelessness and has determined the sales and use tax to address this need will benefit its citizens; and

WHEREAS, in order for a city or county to impose the tax, within six months of the effective date of SHB 1406 or January 28, 2020, the governing body must adopt a resolution of intent to authorize the maximum capacity of the tax, and within twelve MONTHS of the effective date of SHB 1406, or July 28, 2020, must adopt legislation to authorize the maximum capacity of the tax; and

WHEREAS, the Cities of Goldendale, Bingen and White Salmon and Klickitat County have entered into a Memorandum of Understanding stating that Klickitat County will implement SHB 1406 in order to achieve the maximum tax allowable and to not duplicate administrative efforts in implementation; and

WHEREAS, this resolution constitutes a resolution stating the City does not intend to implement SHB 1406; and

WHEREAS, the City Council now desires to declare that it does not intend to impose a local sales and use tax as authorized by SHB 1406 as set forth herein;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BINGEN AS FOLLOWS: