

ORDINANCE NO. 25-1313

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
LAKE FOREST PARK, WASHINGTON, LEVYING  
PROPERTY TAX FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2026 AS  
ALLOWED BY LAW, PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY;  
AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

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**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Lake Forest Park has met and considered the budget for calendar years 2025-2026; and

**WHEREAS**, the City's actual levy amount from the previous year was \$3,514,140; and

**WHEREAS**, the population of the City is more than 10,000; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council held a public hearing on November 20, 2025, pursuant to RCW 84.55.120 regarding consideration of possible increase in property tax revenues; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKE FOREST PARK, WASHINGTON, DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1. PROPERTY TAX LEVY.** The City Council of the City of Lake Forest Park hereby authorizes that an increase in the regular property tax levy is hereby authorized for the levy to be collected in the 2026 tax year. The dollar amount of the increase over the actual levy amount from the previous year shall be \$35,141, 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, solar, biomass, and geothermal facilities, and any increases in the value of state assessed property, any annexations that have occurred and refunds made.

**Section 2. SEVERABILITY.** Should any portion of this ordinance, or its application to any person or circumstance, be declared unconstitutional or otherwise invalid for any reason, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance or its application to other persons or circumstances.

**Section 3. CORRECTIONS.** The City Clerk is authorized to make necessary corrections to this ordinance including, but not limited to, the correction of

scrivener's/clerical errors, references, ordinance numbering, section/subsection numbers and any references thereto.

Section 4. EFFECTIVE DATE. This ordinance shall take effect five (5) days after passage and publication.

**APPROVED BY A MAJORITY** of the Lake Forest Park City Council this \_\_\_\_ day of November 2025.

APPROVED:

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Tom French  
Mayor

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATED:

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Matt McLean  
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Kim Adams Pratt  
City Attorney

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