

**KITSAP REGIONAL COORDINATING COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. 2019-1**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE KITSAP REGIONAL COORDINATING COUNCIL  
REGARDING TAKING ACTION TO ADDRESS AFFORDABLE HOUSING  
AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.**

WHEREAS, in 2019 the Kitsap Regional Coordinating Council formed the Affordable Housing Taskforce to address affordable housing concerns across Kitsap County; and

WHEREAS, the average rent per unit in Kitsap County in September 2018 increased 10% from 2017, and 47% since 2014. *Source: Kitsap County Department of Human Services*; and

WHEREAS, the minimum wage in Kitsap County is \$11.50, but the housing wage to afford a 0 bedroom apartment is \$13.94/hour; the housing wage to afford a one-bedroom apartment is \$16.96/hour; the housing wage to afford a two-bedroom apartment is \$21.87/hour; and the housing wage to afford a three-bedroom apartment is \$31.06/hour. *Source: Kitsap County Department of Human Services*; and

WHEREAS, 2,644 households in Kitsap County in 2018 needed housing assistance. *Source: Housing Solutions Center*; and

WHEREAS, there are different degrees of housing affordability shortages across jurisdictions in Kitsap County; and

WHEREAS, the Kitsap Regional Coordinating Council Affordable Housing Taskforce identified a suite of policy tools that individual jurisdictions could use to address affordable housing shortages; and

WHEREAS, the Kitsap Regional Coordinating Council is a body to coordinate land use and transportation activities across Kitsap County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE KITSAP REGIONAL COORDINATING COUNCIL, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. KRCC Board members acknowledge affordable housing is important in the community and agree to take some action to support affordable housing with the consent from their legislative bodies

RESOLVED this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of September 2019.

**KITSAP REGIONAL COORDINATING COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. 2019-2**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE KITSAP REGIONAL COORDINATING COUNCIL  
REGARDING SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1406 (CHAPTER 338, LAWS OF  
2019) 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, and for the operations and maintenance costs of affordable or supportive housing, for providing rental assistance to tenants; and

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

WHEREAS, the tax must be used to assist persons whose income is at or below sixty percent of the local jurisdiction’s median income; 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 of each jurisdiction 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, local jurisdictions across Kitsap County need funding for the acquisition, construction or rehabilitation of affordable housing or facilities providing supportive housing, and for the operations and maintenance costs of affordable or supportive housing, and for providing rental assistance to tenants; and

WHEREAS, each city and Kitsap County within the Kitsap Regional Coordinating Council has the ability to individually pass a resolution of intent required by SHB 1406; and

WHEREAS, in 2019 the Kitsap Regional Coordinating Council formed the Affordable Housing Taskforce to address affordable housing concerns across Kitsap County.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE KITSAP REGIONAL COORDINATING COUNCIL AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. Kitsap Regional Coordinating Council Board members will work with their respective legislative bodies to implement HB 1406 in their jurisdictions in order to access funding for the acquisition, construction or rehabilitation of affordable housing or facilities providing supportive

housing, and for the operations and maintenance costs of affordable or supportive housing, for providing rental assistance to tenants.

RESOLVED this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of September 2019.