

Resolution Cover Sheet

Please include this form with each resolution.

Name of District: North Olympic Library System

District Address: 2210 South Peabody Street, Port Angeles, WA 98362

Date of Election: April 28, 2026

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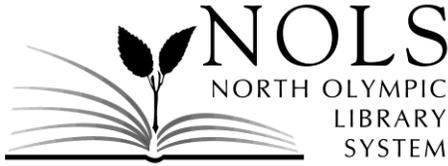
Type of Election (levy, bond, lid lift, etc.): Levy Lid Lift

Please state the pass/fail requirement for this measure (simple majority, supermajority, 60% plus validation, etc.) as determined by your legal counsel:

Simple Majority, RCW 84.55.050(1)

Questions?

Clallam County Elections Division
Phone: 360-417-2217
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Resolution 26-02-05

Library Board of Trustees
North Olympic Library System

Resolution providing for the submission of a proposition authorizing the District to increase its regular property tax levy in support of library services to the qualified electors of the District at an election to be held therein on April 28, 2026.

Whereas, pursuant to RCW 84.55.050, the North Olympic Library System (the “District”) may levy regular property taxes in any calendar year in excess of the limit factor provided for in RCW 84.55.0101 when such levy has been authorized by a proposition approved by a majority of the voters of the District voting on the proposition at a general or special election within the District; and

Whereas, the District’s primary funding source is the regular property tax levy, which is subject to Washington State’s 1% annual growth cap and has resulted in a revenue shortfall that does not keep pace with inflation and rising operational costs; and

Whereas, the last voter-approved levy in 2010 set the regular property tax levy rate to \$0.50 per \$1,000 of assessed value, but the effect of the statutory limit over time has been to reduce the current regular property tax levy rate to approximately \$0.28 per \$1,000 of assessed value; and

Whereas, under RCW 84.55.0101, the District may levy regular property taxes exceeding the statutory limit if approved by a majority of voters in a general or special election; and

Whereas, resetting the levy to \$0.45 per \$1,000 of assessed value is expected to provide stable funding for a minimum of five years, ensuring continued access to essential library services, programs, and resources for all Clallam County residents; and

Whereas, without additional revenue, the District expects to have to reduce open hours, access to collections, critical services such as early literacy, technology access, engaging programming, bookmobile services and other outreach services, and delayed essential maintenance and improvement of spaces; and

Whereas, using a participatory planning process, the District created a five-year Strategic Roadmap to develop collections and services to meet community needs, expand outreach and accessibility to serve all patrons, offer engaging programming that brings communities together, support local economies, and strengthen the District as an organization; and

Whereas, the District deems it necessary to reset the regular property tax levy rate to \$0.45 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation to maintain current operations and sustain critical services for Clallam County residents; and

Whereas, the Board deems it necessary to submit to the voters of the District the proposition of whether or not the District shall levy regular property taxes for collection in 2027 in excess of the limit factor provided for in chapter 84.55 RCW;

Now, therefore, the Board of Trustees of the North Olympic Library System resolves as follows:

Section 1. To maintain current library services, the Board finds and declares that it is necessary that the District reset the regular property tax levy rate from \$0.28 to \$0.45 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation, effective for collection in 2027, and thereafter to use the resulting levy amount for the purpose of computing the limitations for subsequent levies as authorized under RCW 84.55. By law, such a proposition must be submitted to the voters of the District for their approval or rejection. If such a proposition is approved by the requisite number of voters, the District will be authorized to so act.

Section 2. The Board requests the Clallam County Auditor, Election Division, as *ex officio* supervisor of elections, to assume jurisdiction of and to call and conduct a special election within the District in conjunction with the special election to be held on April 28, 2026, to submit to the voters of the District such proposition in substantially the following form, with such additions, deletions or modifications as may be required by the Clallam County Prosecutor:

**North Olympic Library System
Proposition 1
Regular Property Tax Levy Lid Lift for Support of Public
Library Services**

The Board of Trustees of the North Olympic Library System adopted Resolution 2026-02-05 concerning its regular property tax levy. This proposition authorizes an increase in the District's regular property tax levy from \$0.28 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation to \$0.45 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation, to be collected in 2027, to provide continued funding for the District's public library operations and services. The resulting dollar amount of the 2027 levy would be used for the purpose of computing subsequent levy limitations as provided by chapter RCW 84.55.

Should this proposition be approved?

Yes

No

Section 3. The Board authorizes the inclusion of information regarding this proposition in the local voters' guide prepared by the Clallam County Elections Division and authorizes the appropriate costs thereof to be charged to and paid by the District. The Board further authorizes and directs the Executive Director to provide such information, including submitting necessary materials, to the Clallam County Elections Division and take such other actions as may be necessary or appropriate to that end.

Section 4. If any provision of this resolution is deemed invalid or unconstitutional for any reason, such determination shall not affect the validity of the remaining provisions, and this resolution shall be construed and enforced as if such unconstitutional or invalid provisions had not been contained herein.

Section 5. The Executive Director is authorized and directed to deliver a certified copy of this Resolution to the Clallam County Auditor no later than February 27, 2026.

Section 6. This resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

Adopted by the Board of Trustees of the North Olympic Library System at an open, public, regular meeting thereof held this day of February 26, 2026.

Signed by:
Jennifer Pelikan
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Chair

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Cyndi Ross
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Trustee

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Signed by:
Bar Calder
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Betty Marcoux
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Attested by:

Signed by:
Noah Claude
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Secretary to the Board

By E-mail

February 27, 2026

Clallam County Auditor's Office
Elections and Voter Registration Division
Email: elections@clallamcountywa.gov

Re: North Olympic Library System
Ballot Proposition Explanatory Statement

To Whom it May Concern:

Please be advised that we are counsel to the North Olympic Library System (the "***District***"). In that capacity, we have prepared the Explanatory Statement set forth on Attachment I hereto in connection with the ballot proposition to be submitted to the voters at a special election within the District on April 28, 2026, seeking authorization of a proposed levy lid lift.

Please contact me if you have any questions or comments.

Respectfully submitted,

HILLIS CLARK MARTIN & PETERSON P.S.

By



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Enclosure

Cc: Noah Glaude, Executive Director,
North Olympic Library System

Attachment I

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

The North Olympic Library System relies on property tax revenue for a significant portion of its annual operating budget. In 2026, the Library relies on property tax revenue for 87% of its operating budget. Under state law, the Library's property tax revenue cannot increase by more than 1% annually, unless approved by voters. This has not kept pace with inflation or increased costs to operate and provide services.

Proposition 1 would authorize the Library to reset its regular property tax levy from \$0.28 to \$0.45 per \$1,000 of assessed value in 2027. This rate is below the State-authorized maximum of \$0.50 per \$1,000 of assessed value, and below the \$0.50 per \$1,000 of assessed value approved by voters in 2010. The estimated monthly increase for a home valued at \$400,000 is \$5.67. The resulting 2027 levy amount would be used to calculate all applicable tax limitations thereafter.

Revenue from this levy would allow the Library to continue current operations of its four locations and bookmobile and outreach services. It would support open hours, access to collections, technology, programming and maintenance of library facilities. If Proposition 1 is not approved, reductions in library services may occur beginning in 2027.