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Clark County Charter implementation and property tax lid:

Yesterday's Board time was quick and simple. Only Tom Mielke and I were there. No meetings are scheduled for next week. Rather than take any action, we moved our action items to the September 1st 6pm Hearing.

We want to hear from citizens in that meeting as we consider two things:

Vote on scheduling a hearing in January when all 5 councilors will be able consider placing a Charter Amendment on the November 2016 General Election Ballot. If that Board votes to move it forward, then the citizens will decide if they must be asked before property taxes can be raised by more than 1% in a single year.

Here is a copy of the September resolution scheduling the Ordinance hearing by the new 5 member Board. The date shown is March 22, but we amended it to be January 19, 2016:

<http://clark.wa.gov/.../docume.../CharterAmendmentResolution.pdf>

The ordinance they will consider at that hearing is here:

<http://clark.wa.gov/.../documen.../CharterAmendmentOrdinance.pdf>

The second item for the September 1 meeting is taking one more step to implement the Charter. The Charter does not require this to be done until January. But the Board can choose to simply update our rules that define the role of the current Chair to align with the Charter (section 2.2). Our intent is to thoughtfully implement the Charter step by step as we have opportunity.

http://www.clark.wa.gov/fre.../documents/BOFCharter_052714.pdf



1 **A resolution scheduling a hearing on a Charter amendment ballot measure**
 2 **ordinance to limit property tax increases**
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 4 **Because Clark County Councilors serve as representatives of the Citizens of Clark**
 5 **County whose economic wellbeing, public health, safety and welfare could be affected**
 6 **by excessive property tax increases, and**
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 8 **Because affordable housing is made less affordable by additional property tax**
 9 **increases that could negatively impact senior citizens and others on a fixed income; and**
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 11 **Because stable and reasonably predictable property taxes provide economic stability in**
 12 **contrast to unprecedented, extraordinary, and unanticipated property tax increases; and**
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 14 **Because a vote of the people can provide a means for citizens to authorize higher than**
 15 **normal property tax increases when appropriate; and**
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 17 **Because Clark County has adopted a Charter that may be amended by a vote of the**
 18 **people if the five member Board of Clark County Councilors, seated in January 2016,**
 19 **approve an ordinance to place a proposed amendment on the November 2016 ballot,**
 20 **now therefore:**
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 22 **BE IT ORDERED AND RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COUNCILORS OF**
 23 **CLARK COUNTY, STATE OF WASHINGTON AS FOLLOWS:**
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 25 The Board of Clark County Councilors hereby schedules a public hearing on March 22,
 26 2016 at 10am to consider the attached Charter amendment ballot measure ordinance
 27 that limits property tax increases unless first approved by a vote of the people.
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 29 **ADOPTED** this ____ day of _____, 2015.
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 31 (insert signature blocks)



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John Ley Yes! Open, transparent government. Giving the citizens plenty of time to think about and consider this important issue!

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