

## RESOLUTION 2024 – 84

### **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF SUNNYSIDE, WASHINGTON, AMENDING RESOLUTION 2019-14 TO EXPAND THE USE OF ANNUAL LODGING TAX REVENUES FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF TOURISM-RELATED FACILITIES INSTEAD OF LIMITING FUNDS TO CONVENTION AND CONFERENCE FACILITIES**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Sunnyside has established a lodging tax under SMC Chapter 3.28 to generate revenue in support of tourism promotion and tourism-related facilities, as provided under Chapter 67.28 RCW; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Sunnyside has formed a Lodging Tax Advisory Committee (LTAC) to fulfill the duties outlined under RCW 67.28.1817, including the recommendation of projects that support local tourism; and

**WHEREAS**, Resolution 2019-14 previously directed the reservation of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) or 25% of annual lodging tax revenues, whichever is greater, specifically for the design and construction of convention and conference facilities within Sunnyside; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council recognizes that the exclusive focus on convention and conference facilities may not meet current or future tourism needs and that other tourism-related facilities could provide more immediate benefits to Sunnyside's economy and visitor experience; and

**WHEREAS**, expanding the allowable uses of these funds will enable the City of Sunnyside to develop and enhance a broader range of tourism-related facilities, thereby more effectively supporting the city's tourism goals and local economic growth;

**NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF  
THE CITY OF SUNNYSIDE, WASHINGTON:**

**SECTION 1. Amendment to Fund Reservation:** The City of Sunnyside shall reserve twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) or 25% of annual lodging tax revenues, whichever is greater, for the development, enhancement, and support of any tourism-related facilities within the City of Sunnyside. This includes but is not limited to visitor centers, recreational facilities, cultural or heritage sites, parks, and other facilities that attract and serve tourists.

**SECTION 2. Use of Funds:** The reserved funds may be allocated to a range of tourism-related facilities and infrastructure projects that directly support tourism growth, enhance the visitor experience, or increase Sunnyside's appeal as a tourist destination, subject to recommendations from the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee (LTAC) and approval by the City Council.

**SECTION 3. Superseding Clause:** This resolution amends and supersedes any prior resolutions or sections of resolutions, including Resolution 2019-14, that limit the use of reserved lodging tax revenues exclusively to convention and conference facilities.

**SECTION 4. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall be effective upon passage, approval and signatures hereon in accordance with law.

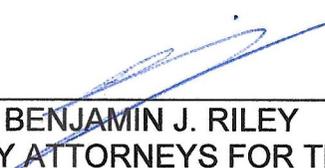
**PASSED** this 25th day of November 2024.

  
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DEAN BROERSMA, MAYOR

**ATTEST:**

  
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JACQUELINE RENTERIA, CITY CLERK

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