

## NOTICE OF OPEN HEARING

NOTICE OF HEARING BEFORE The Benton County Board of County Commissioners in the matter of the ordinance adding a new chapter to Title 8 of the Benton County Code regarding an additional sales and use tax to provide funding exclusively for public safety needs.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a hearing will be conducted on Tuesday, September 16, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. at the Commissioners' Board Room, Benton County Courthouse, Prosser, WA, at which time any person may appear and be heard either for or against the proposed ordinance adding a new chapter to Title 8 of the Benton County Code or provide written testimony by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, September 12, 2014 to the Board of County Commissioners in care of the Commissioners' Office, P.O. Box 910, 620 Market Street, Prosser, Washington 99350 or by calling 736-3080 (Tri-Cities) or 786-5600 (Prosser).

THE SUMMARY of the proposed ordinance follows. Copies of the full text will be mailed upon request at no cost to the public. Further information regarding this matter and copies of the proposed ordinance are available from the Benton County Commissioners' Office, PO Box 190, Prosser, WA 99350. Telephone: Prosser (509) 786-5600; Tri-Cities (509) 736-3080. A copy of the proposal ordinance will also be available on the Benton County website at <http://www.co.benton.wa.us/default.aspx> under News & Announcements.

BASED ON THE TESTIMONY presented at the public hearing, the Benton County Board of Commissioners may or may not approve or disapprove of the proposed ordinance.

It is Benton County's policy that no qualified individual with a disability shall by reason of such disability be excluded from participation in public meetings. If you wish to use auxiliary aids or require assistance to comment at this public meeting, please contact the ADA Coordinator or the Benton County Planning Department at the above stated phone numbers and/or address no later than 48 hours prior to the date of the meeting. The Request for Reasonable Accommodation form is available online at [www.co.benton.wa.us](http://www.co.benton.wa.us) or from the Commissioners' Office.

Dated this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of September, 2014.

LORETTA SMITH KELTY, Deputy County Administrator  
BENTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE

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**SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE ADDING A NEW CHAPTER TO TITLE 8 OF  
THE BENTON COUNTY CODE**

SECTION 1: TAX IMPOSED. Shall be upon every taxable event occurring; provided, the retail sale or use of motor vehicles and the lease of motor vehicles for up to the first thirty six months of the lease are exempt from the tax imposed under this ordinance

SECTION 2: RATE OF TAX. Shall be three-tenths (3/10) of one percent (1%) of the selling price.

SECTION 3: USE OF FUNDS. Shall be expended and utilized solely for the purposes set forth in the ballot.

SECTION 4: ADMINISTRATION AND COLLECTION OF TAX. Shall be contracted through the Washington State Department of Revenue.

SECTION 5: DISTRIBUTION. Sixty percent (60%) of the funds go to Benton County and forty percent (40%) of the funds go to the cities in Benton County.

SECTION 6: INSPECTION OF RECORDS. Consents.

SECTION 7: PENALTIES. Shall apply to any seller who fails or refuses to collect or any buyer who refuses to pay this tax.

SECTION 8: EFFECTIVE DATE. Shall take effect January 1, 2015.

SECTION 9: EXPIRATION DATE/SUNSET CLAUSE. Shall automatically expire on December 31, 2024, unless further authorized by public vote.

SECTION 10: SEVERABILITY. Severability clause.