

**CITY OF PROSSER, WASHINGTON
RESOLUTION NO. 09-1296**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
PROSSER STATING THE CITY COUNCIL'S OPPOSITION TO
INITIATIVE 1033 ON THE NOVEMBER 3, 2009 GENERAL
ELECTION BALLOT.**

WHEREAS, Initiative 1033 will be presented to the voters of the State of Washington at the General Election on November 3, 2009, with the following official ballot title:

Initiative Measure No. 1033 concerns state, county and city revenue.

This measure would limit growth of certain state, county and city revenue to annual inflation and population growth, not including voter-approved revenue increases. Revenue collected above the limit would reduce property tax levies.

Should this measure be enacted into law? Yes [] No []; and

WHEREAS, under Initiative 1033, general fund revenue for any year would be limited to the amount of revenue received in the previous year, plus a percentage increase reflecting inflation and population growth; and

WHEREAS, the Washington State Office of Financial Management (OFM) has estimated that Initiative 1033 will reduce state general fund revenues that support education; social, health, and environmental services; and general government activities by \$5.9 Million by 2015; and

WHEREAS, OFM has further estimated that Initiative 1033 will reduce general fund revenues that support public safety, infrastructure and general governmental activities by \$694 Million for counties and \$2.1 Billion for cities by 2015; and

WHEREAS, under Initiative 1033, a Prosser property taxpayer with a \$200,000 home would save approximately \$18 the first year the initiative was implemented and the savings would increase approximated \$45 annually; and

WHEREAS, under Initiative 1033, the cost to the City of Prosser for the first year is estimated to be \$33,000 with an increase of approximately \$100,000 each subsequent year; and

WHEREAS, as provided in RCW 42.17.130, the City Council of the City of Prosser desires to show its opposition to Initiative 1033;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Prosser as follows:

1. That the City Council, after calling for public comment at a duly noticed public hearing, hereby opposes Initiative 1033.

ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Prosser and **APPROVED** by the Mayor of the City of Prosser this 13th day of October, 2009.

MAYOR PAUL WARDEN

ATTEST:

City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Attorney