

City of Cheney
609 Second Street
Cheney, WA 99004

**CITY OF CHENEY, WASHINGTON
ORDINANCE NO X-91**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHENEY,
WASHINGTON, MAKING A DECLARATION OF SUBSTANTIAL NEED FOR
PURPOSES OF SETTING THE LIMIT FACTOR FOR THE EMS TAX LEVY
FOR 2021 AND PROVIDING FOR THE EFFECTIVE DATE THEREOF**

WHEREAS, RCW 84.55.010 provides that a taxing jurisdiction may levy taxes in an amount no more than the limit factor multiplied by the highest levy of the most recent three years plus additional amounts resulting from new construction and improvements to property, and any increase in the value of state-assessed utility property; and

WHEREAS, under RCW 84.55.005 (2), the limit factor for a taxing jurisdiction with a population of \$10,000 or more is the lesser of 101 percent or 100 percent plus inflation; and

WHEREAS, RCW 84.55.005(1) defines “inflation” as the percentage change in the implicit price deflator for personal consumption expenditures for the United States as published for the most recent 12-month period by the Bureau of Economic Analysis of the federal Department of Commerce in September of the year before the taxes are payable; and

WHEREAS, “inflation” for July 2020 is .602% percent with the limit factor being 100.602% percent meaning the EMS taxes levied in Cheney for collection in 2021 would be less than one percent (1%) excluding the amounts resulting from new construction and improvements to property, and increase in state-assessed utility property; and

WHEREAS, RCW 84.55.0101 allows the City to use a limit factor of 101 percent or less upon a finding of substantial need provided the City Council approves this ordinance by a vote of the majority plus one; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds the City is in a financial position where the EMS levy should be increased by one percent (1%) to meet the staffing needs of the Cheney Fire Department and provide for the public safety and welfare.

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHENEY,
WASHINGTON DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. The above recitals are adopted as findings of fact.

Section 2. There is substantial need to maintain the existing personnel and their hours of service in the City of Cheney Fire Department in order to preserve the public's interest in health, safety and welfare and hereby set the levy limit factor at one hundred and one percent (101%) as authorized in RCW Chapter 84.55.

Section 3. This ordinance shall be in force and effect five days after passage, approval and publication pursuant to RCW 35A.11.090(7).

Introduced this 10th day of November, 2020.

Passed by the City Council this ____th day of _____ 2020.

Approved by the Mayor this ____th day of _____ 2020.

Chris Grover, Mayor

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Cynthia L. Niemeier, City Clerk

Stanley Schwartz, City Attorney