Resolution requesting the Spokane County Auditor to hold a special election on November 5, 2019 in conjunction with the scheduled general election to submit to the voters of the City of Spokane a proposition regarding an amendment to the

**Summary (Background)**

On June 10, 2019, Michael Cathcart, Better Spokane, filed with the City Clerk's Office Initiative No. 2019-2 petitions regarding a Charter amendment prohibiting a City of Spokane income tax. The Spokane County Auditor's Office has verified that the initiative has met the requirements for valid signatures of registered voters. Pursuant to SMC 2.02.080 and 2.02.100, the City Council has held hearings on the initiative. The initiative ordinance received a first reading on
## Agenda Wording

Spokane City Charter prohibiting a City of Spokane income tax.

## Summary (Background)

June 24, 2019, and final reading on July 22, 2019. This resolution, consistent with RCW 29A.04.330, will call for the Spokane County Auditor's Office to place the initiative proposition on the November 5, 2019, special election ballot.

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RESOLUTION NO. 2019 - 0051

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE SPOKANE COUNTY AUDITOR TO HOLD A SPECIAL ELECTION ON NOVEMBER 5, 2019 IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE SCHEDULED GENERAL ELECTION TO SUBMIT TO THE VOTERS OF THE CITY OF SPOKANE A PROPOSITION REGARDING AN AMENDMENT TO THE SPOKANE CITY CHARTER PROHIBITING A CITY OF SPOKANE INCOME TAX.

WHEREAS, pursuant to sections 82 and 125 of the City Charter, an initiative regarding amendments to the City Charter may be submitted to popular vote for adoption or rejection; and

WHEREAS, on April 19, 2019, Michael Cathcart, on behalf of Better Spokane, filed with the City Clerk’s Office an amended initiative designated as Initiative No. 2019-2 regarding a prohibition of a City of Spokane income tax; and

WHEREAS, the ballot title for Initiative No. 2019-2 is as follows:

Shall the Spokane City Charter be amended to prohibit the City of Spokane from imposing an income tax on wages, salaries, investments, the sale of goods or services, or any other income source?

WHEREAS, on June 10, 2019, the proponent filed with the City Clerk’s Office the petition signatures for Initiative No. 2019-2; and

WHEREAS, on June 24, 2019, the City Council held a hearing and first reading pursuant to SMC 2.02.080 for Initiative No. 2019-2, designated by the City Council as Ordinance No. C - 35786, at which time the City Council voted to have the City Clerk validate the signatures; and

WHEREAS, on June 27, 2019, the Spokane County Elections Office certified that Initiative No. 2019-2 satisfied the required number of valid signatures of registered voters to be placed on the November 5, 2019 general election as required by Section 82 of the City Charter; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to SMC 2.02.100, the City Council held a hearing on July 22, 2019 on the initiative petition where Ordinance No. C - 35786 was given a second and final reading; and

WHEREAS, RCW 29A.04.330 requires the City to transmit to the Spokane County Auditor by August 6, 2019 a resolution calling for a special election.

Resolution No. 2019 - 0051
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Spokane, pursuant to sections 82 and 125 of the City Charter that:

1) the Spokane County Auditor is hereby requested pursuant to RCW 29A.04.330 to hold a special election on November 5, 2019 in conjunction with the scheduled general election for the purpose of submitting to the voters of the City of Spokane for their approval or rejection the following proposition to amend the Spokane City Charter as set forth in Initiative 2019-2:

PROPOSITION NO. 2

CITY OF SPOKANE

CHARTER AMENDMENT PROHIBITING A CITY OF SPOKANE INCOME TAX

Shall the Spokane City Charter be amended to prohibit the City of Spokane from imposing an income tax on wages, salaries, investments, the sale of goods or services, or any other income source?

___ YES

___ NO

2) the City Clerk is directed to deliver a certified copy of this resolution to the Spokane County Auditor no later than August 6, 2019.

Adopted July 22, 2019

[Signature]
City Clerk

Approved as to form:

[Signature]
Assistant City Attorney

I HEREBY CERTIFY THIS IS A TRUE AND ACCURATE COPY
OF THE ORIGINAL WHICH IS ON FILE IN THE OFFICE
OF THE CITY CLERK

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COUNTY OF SPOKANE
STATE OF WA

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