BEFORE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF SPOKANE COUNTY, WASHINGTON

IN THE MATTER OF ENACTING A COMMERCIAL PROPERTY ASSESSED CLEAN ENERGY AND RESILIENCY (C-PACER) PROGRAM WITHIN SPOKANE COUNTY AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER MATTERS PROPERLY RELATING THERETO

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN by the Board of Commissioners of Spokane County, Washington, pursuant to RCW 36.32.120(7) and Chapter 36.165 RCW, that a public hearing will be held in person on:

July 5, 2022, AT 2:00 P.M. (or as soon as possible thereafter)

COMMISSIONERS’ ASSEMBLY ROOM
SPOKANE COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS BUILDING
1026 W. BROADWAY AVENUE
SPOKANE, WASHINGTON 99260

The public may also participate remotely via conference call by calling

1-877-853-5257 (MEETING ID: 856 7484 5677) and/or view the public meeting via: Webinar Link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85674845677 (MEETING ID: 856 7484 5677)

BACKGROUND

Chapter 36.165 RCW authorizes counties to establish a Commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy and Resiliency (“C-PACER”) program to allow free and willing owners of agricultural, commercial and industrial properties, and of multifamily residential properties with five or more dwelling units to obtain affordable, long-term financing for qualifying improvements, including energy efficiency, water conservation, renewable energy, and resiliency measures such as seismic retrofits, flood mitigation, stormwater management, wildfire and wind resistance, energy storage, and microgrids. In addition, pursuant to the authority granted under Chapter 36.165 RCW, the County finds and authorizes fire suppression as a resiliency measure. Repayment of loans for C-PACER qualifying improvements requires a voluntary assessment on the property, secured by a county lien, and assigned to a Capital Provider for the administrative aspects of billing, collecting, and enforcing the lien, without cost to the County and without the creation of a personal debt obligation to the Property Owner. The obligation is instead carried
by the property and remains with the property until repaid, regardless of any potential transfer of property ownership.

PURPOSE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The purpose of the above scheduled public hearing will be for the Board of Commissioners to consider public testimony and take action on the adoption of an Ordinance to establish a Commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy and Resiliency program within the jurisdictional boundaries of Spokane County.

Any person may appear at the date, time and place set forth hereinabove and present testimony in favor of or in opposition to the proposed Ordinance. To create the opportunity for everyone attending the public hearing to speak, testimony may be limited to three (3) minutes per speaker. The Board of Commissioners reserves the right to adjust the time frame allotted to speakers as well as hearing procedures during the public hearing. Any written comments on the purpose of the public hearing must be received by Thursday, ______________, 2022, no later than 12:00 NOON by gvasquez@spokanecounty.org.

For additional information or copies of the proposed ordinance and program documents, please visit https://spokanecounty.org/5194/Spokane-County-C-Pacer_Program or call 509-477-7137.

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (ADA) INFORMATION: Spokane County is committed to providing equal access to its facilities, programs and services for persons with disabilities. The Commissioner’s Hearing Room at 1026 West Broadway is wheelchair accessible and is equipped with an infrared assistive listening system for persons with hearing loss. Individuals requesting reasonable accommodations or further information may call, write, or email Ashley Cameron at (509) 477-5750 (TDD), 824 North Adams Street, Spokane, WA, 99260; or acameron@spokanecounty.org. Please contact us forty-eight (48) hours before the meeting/hearing date.

DATED this _____ day of ______________, 2022.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF SPOKANE COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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