

**SALT LAKE COUNTY RESOLUTION
SLVLESA PROPERTY TAX INCREASE**

RESOLUTION NO. _____

DATED: October 5, 2021

A RESOLUTION OF THE SALT LAKE COUNTY COUNCIL APPROVING A DECISION, IF MADE BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE SALT LAKE VALLEY LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICE AREA (SLVLESA), FOLLOWING PROCESSES REQUIRED BY UTAH LAW, TO INCREASE SLVLESA BUDGETED PROPERTY TAX REVENUES BY 16.5% BEGINNING IN CALENDAR YEAR 2022, WHICH WOULD RESULT IN THE LEVY OF A PROPERTY TAX RATE IN EXCESS OF THE CERTIFIED TAX RATE PURSUANT TO SECTION 17B-2a-903 OF THE UTAH CODE.

BE IT KNOWN AND REMEMBERED:

THAT, the County Council of Salt Lake County, State of Utah, met in regular session of the Council on the _____ day of _____, 2021.

WITNESS:

WHEREAS, the Salt Lake Valley Law Enforcement Service Area (“SLVLESA”) was created by Resolution of the Salt Lake County Council dated August 18, 2009; and

WHEREAS, the area of the unincorporated Salt Lake County is included in the boundaries of SLVLESA for the funding and provision of law enforcement services to those unincorporated areas within the boundaries of SLVLESA; and

WHEREAS, SLVLESA contracts with the Unified Police Department (the “UPD”) to provide law enforcement services within its boundaries; and

WHEREAS, the SLVLESA Board of Trustees, by a duly adopted Resolution dated August 19, 2021, stated its intent to increase its budgeted property tax revenues from prior year budgeted property tax revenues by 16.5% or approximately \$2,903,624.00, beginning in calendar year 2022 which would result in the levy of a property tax rate in excess of the certified rate as defined in section 59-2-924 of the Utah Code; and

WHEREAS, a report (the “Report”), a copy of which is attached, was submitted to the Salt Lake County Council (the “Council”) pursuant to section 17B-1-1003 of the Utah Code, providing the purposes for the proposed increase in SLVLESA budgeted property tax revenues; and

WHEREAS, the purposes for the increase in SLVLESA budgeted property tax revenues by 16.5%, beginning in calendar year 2022 as stated in the Report, include the need to maintain the viability of SLVLESA; increase officer compensation to remain competitive in the market and to recruit and retain police officers; increase staffing to meet rising caseloads; pay for the increased costs of cars, equipment and supplies; ensure that the target reserves for SLVLESA are met; provide a hedge against future loss of revenues and unexpected expenditures; and generally meet the costs of law enforcement services for SLVLESA members; and

WHEREAS, the Council allowed time during the duly noticed meeting on October 5, 2021, for comment on the proposed tax increase from members of the Council and the public; and

WHEREAS, section 17B-2a-903 of the Utah Code requires that before the SLVLESA Board of Trustees can adopt a property tax levy for calendar year 2022 in excess of the certified tax rate, it must have prior approval of the property tax increase from the legislative bodies of any municipality and county whose territory is located within SLVLESA or approval of a majority of the legislative bodies of the municipalities and two-thirds (2/3) vote of the county legislative body; and

WHEREAS, all the member municipal councils passed a resolution approving a decision, if made by the SLVLESA Board of Trustees, following processes required by Utah law, to increase SLVLESA budgeted property tax revenue by 16.5% beginning in calendar year 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Salt Lake County Council reviewed and considered a resolution approving a decision, if made by the SLVLESA Board of Trustees, following processes required by Utah law, to increase SLVLESA budgeted property tax revenue by 16.5% beginning in calendar year 2022; and

WHEREAS, before the SLVLESA Board of Trustees considers levying a property tax rate that exceeds the certified tax rate, the SLVLESA Board of Trustees shall hold a public

hearing on December 16, 2021, to provide to all interested persons the opportunity to be heard regarding the proposed property tax increase; and

WHEREAS, SLVLESA shall provide notices of the public hearing as required by section 59-2-919 of the Utah Code; and

WHEREAS, after considering all public input from the public hearing and all other information available to them, the SLVLESA Board of Trustees will vote on whether to increase its budgeted property tax revenues beginning in calendar year 2022 by 16.5%, which would result in the levy of a property tax rate that exceeds the certified tax rate.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Salt Lake County Council as follows:

1. The Salt Lake County Council hereby reaffirms the authorization of the SLVLESA Board of Trustees to impose property taxes on the areas within the boundaries of SLVLESA.

2. Pursuant to section 17B-2a-903 of the Utah Code, the Salt Lake County Council hereby approves a decision, if made by the SLVLESA Board of Trustees, following the processes required by Utah law, to increase SLVLESA budgeted property tax revenues beginning in calendar year 2022 in excess of prior year property tax revenues by 16.5% or approximately \$2,903,624 and to levy a property tax rate in excess of the certified tax rate to generate the increase in its budgeted property tax revenues as defined in section 59-2-924 of the Utah Code.

DATED this 5th day of October 2021.

SALT LAKE COUNTY COUNCIL

Chair, County Council

Council Member Bradley voting _____
Council Member Bradshaw voting _____
Council Member Granato voting _____
Council Member Winder Newton voting _____
Council Member Snelgrove voting _____
Council Member Theodore voting _____
Council Member Stringham voting _____
Council Member Alvord voting _____
Council Member DeBry voting _____

ATTEST:
SALT LAKE COUNTY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Gavin Anderson 28 September 2021
Deputy District Attorney Date