

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
LEWIS COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

IN THE MATTER OF:

NOTICE OF HEARING FOR ORDINANCE 1374,
WHICH WOULD UPDATE CHAPTERS 3.15.040,
3.45.040 AND 3.55.060 OF LEWIS COUNTY CODE
TO ALLOW GREATER FLEXIBILITY REGARDING
INTEREST EARNED WITHIN THE TOURISM
PROMOTION, MENTAL HEALTH TAX AND NOXIOUS
WEED CONTAINMENT REAL PROPERTY TAX
FUNDS

RESOLUTION NO. 26-081

WHEREAS, as allowed per RCW 67.28 and as outlined in Chapter 3.15 of Lewis County Code, Lewis County collects a Lodging Tax, which the Lewis County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) established via Ordinance 1033 (June 10, 1974) and amended via Ordinances 1163B (April 21, 2003), 1163A (Feb. 22, 1999), 1163 (Nov. 23, 1998), 1157 (Feb. 17, 1998) and 1033A (Oct. 21, 1985); and

WHEREAS, as allowed per RCW 82.14 and as outlined under Chapter 3.45 of Lewis County Code, Lewis County collects a Sales and Use Tax for Chemical Dependency Treatment, Mental Health Treatment and Therapeutic Court Programs and Services, which the BOCC established via Ordinance 1224 (June 20, 2011); and

WHEREAS, as allowed per RCW 17.10 and as outlined under Chapter 3.55 of Lewis County Code, Lewis County collects a Noxious Weed Containment Real Property Tax, which the BOCC established via Ordinance 1295 (Oct. 22, 2018) and amended via Ordinances 1295A (March 11, 2019), 1313 (Dec. 16, 2019); and

WHEREAS, Lewis County seeks greater flexibility regarding interest earned within the Tourism Promotion, Mental Health tax and Noxious Weed Containment Real Property Tax funds; and

WHEREAS, Lewis County will hold a public hearing on proposed Ordinance 1374, which would update Chapters 3.15.040, 3.45.040 and 3.55.060 of Lewis County Code; and

WHEREAS, the hearing will take place in the Commissioners' Hearing Room at or after 10 a.m. March 24, 2026. Written comment may be submitted in person at the BOCC, 351 NW North Street, Room 210, Chehalis, WA 98532 or via email at bocc@lewiscountywa.gov beginning at 10 a.m. March 10, 2026. Written comment must be clearly marked "Written comment for Ordinance 1374" and must be received by 10 a.m. March 22, 2026.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the BOCC (1) will hold a hearing regarding proposed Ordinance 1374 at or after 10 a.m. March 24, 2026; and (2) directs the Clerk of the Board to proceed with all appropriate and necessary notifications, postings and publications as required by law.

DONE IN OPEN SESSION this 10th day of March, 2026.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
Jonathan Meyer, Prosecuting Attorney

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
LEWIS COUNTY, WASHINGTON

David Bailey
By: David Bailey,
Chief Civil Deputy Prosecuting Attorney

Lindsey R. Pollock, DVM
Lindsey R. Pollock, DVM, Chair

ATTEST:



Scott J. Brummer
Scott J. Brummer, Vice Chair

Rieva Lester, CMC
Rieva Lester, CMC,
Clerk of the Lewis County Board of
County Commissioners

Sean D. Swope
Sean D. Swope, Commissioner

3.15.040 Establishment of tourism promotion fund and advisory committee.

(2) The taxes levied and collected for the tourism promotion fund shall be expended for the purposes of paying all or any part of the operation of tourist facilities, stadium facilities, convention center facilities, performing arts facilities and/or visual arts center facilities, and/or to pay for advertising, publicizing, or otherwise distributing information for the purpose of tourism promotion and encouraging tourist expansion or for any purpose authorized by Chapter 67.28 RCW. In addition, these funds shall be available for capital improvement projects that are limited to paying all or any part of the cost of acquisition, construction, or maintenance of tourist facilities, stadium facilities, convention center facilities, performing arts center facilities, and/or visual arts center facilities or to pay or secure the payment of all or any portion of general obligation bonds or revenue bonds issued for such purpose or purposes under this chapter, so long as such facility be owned and operated by the county, either individually or jointly with another municipality or private party. Until withdrawn for use, the county may invest the moneys accumulated in such fund in interest-bearing securities in any manner authorized by law, ~~and all such interest shall remain in the tourist promotion fund.~~

3.45.040 Establishment of a chemical dependency/mental health/therapeutic court program fund.

There is hereby created the chemical dependency treatment/mental health treatment/therapeutic courts program fund to be known as the CD-MH-TC sales tax fund. Monies collected pursuant to this chapter shall be deposited into this fund by the county treasurer. ~~Until withdrawn for use, the county may invest the moneys accumulated in such fund in interest-bearing securities in any manner authorized by law. The fund balance may be invested by the treasurer and any interest earned shall be deposited into the fund as well.~~

3.55.060 Administration, distribution and delinquency.

All taxes collected from the assessment herein levied shall be deposited, along with all other funds that the weed control board is authorized to receive, into noxious weed control fund No. 1120. ~~Until withdrawn for use, the county may invest the money accumulated in such fund in interest-bearing securities in any manner authorized by law. Interest earned from investments of this fund shall remain with the fund.~~ This fund shall only be used to support the activities of the Lewis County noxious weed control board.

(1) The taxes created by this chapter shall be imposed, enforced, distributed, and administered consistent with the rules and regulations imposed under Chapter 84.56 RCW now or as hereafter amended.

(2) The taxes imposed hereunder shall become due and payable by the parcel owner of record as of the taxation date of January 1st of each calendar year. If taxes are not so paid within the time frame as designated by the county treasurer, they shall thereafter bear interest at the applicable rate established by RCW 84.56.020, now or as hereafter amended, until the date of payment.

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
LEWIS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

Notice is hereby given that the Lewis County, Wash., Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) will hold a public hearing to receive public testimony on proposed Ordinance 1374, which would update Chapters 3.15.040, 3.45.040 and 3.55.060 of Lewis County Code to allow greater flexibility regarding interest earned within the Tourism Promotion, Mental Health tax and Noxious Weed Containment Real Property Tax funds.

The hearing will take place at or after 10 a.m. March 24, 2026, in the Commissioners' Hearing Room on the second floor of the Historic Courthouse at 351 N.W. North Street in Chehalis, Washington. Interested parties are encouraged to check the BOCC Business Meeting agenda for the Zoom log-in details. The agenda will be posted at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting on the Board of County Commissioners' Lewis County Agendas & Calendar webpage. Details about the proposal are available online: Please select the agenda for March 10 (Notice) or March 24 (Hearing) to see the draft proposal. The draft is subject to change before or at the hearing. The full text of the proposed ordinance will be mailed upon request.

During the hearing, individuals will be invited to speak and/or provide written statements regarding the proposed changes. Written comment may be submitted in person at the BOCC, 351 NW North Street, Room 210, Chehalis, WA 98532 or via email at bocc@lewiscountywa.gov beginning at 10 a.m. March 10, 2026. Written comment must be clearly marked "Written comment for Ordinance 1374" and must be received by 10 a.m. March 22, 2026.

The meeting site is barrier free. Anyone who needs special accommodation or who would like the proposal mailed to them should contact the BOCC at 360-740-1120 or bocc@lewiscountywa.gov at least 72 hours in advance of the hearing.

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OF LEWIS COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

UPDATE SECTIONS 3.15.040(2) (TOURISM PROMOTION),) ORDINANCE 1374
3.45.040 (CHEMICAL DEPENDENCY / MENTAL HEALTH THERAPEUTIC)
COURT PROGRAM) AND 3.55.060 (NOXIOUS WEED CONTAINMENT)
REAL PROPERTY TAX) OF LEWIS COUNTY CODE)

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WHEREAS, it appears to be in the public's best interest to update Sections 3.15.040, 3.45.040 and 3.55.060 of Lewis County Code, which limit what can be done with interest earned from the respective funds; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the BOCC hereby updates Section 3.15.040(2), Section 3.45.040 and Section 3.55.060 of Lewis County Code to read as follows:

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3.55.060 Administration, distribution and delinquency.

All taxes collected from the assessment herein levied shall be deposited, along with all other funds that the weed control board is authorized to receive, into noxious weed control fund No. 1120. Until withdrawn for use, the county may invest the money accumulated in such fund in interest-bearing securities in any manner authorized by law. This fund shall only be used to support the activities of the Lewis County noxious weed control board.

(1) The taxes created by this chapter shall be imposed, enforced, distributed, and administered consistent with the rules and regulations imposed under Chapter 84.56 RCW now or as hereafter amended.

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PASSED DURING OPEN SESSION this 24th day of March 2026, following a public hearing publicized in the newspaper of record on March 10, 2026.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
Jonathan Meyer, Prosecuting Attorney

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
LEWIS COUNTY, WASHINGTON

By: David Bailey, Chief Civil DPA

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Rieva Lester, CMC, Clerk of the Board

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BOCC AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

Resolution: 26-081

BOCC Meeting Date: March 10, 2026

Suggested Wording for Agenda Item:

Agenda Type: Legal Notice

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Contact: Rieva Lester

Phone: 360-740-1419

Department: BOCC - Board of County Commissioners

Description:

Update Chapters 3.15.040, 3.45.040 and 3.55.060 of Lewis County Code to allow greater flexibility re interest earned within the Tourism Promotion, Mental Health tax and Noxious Weed Containment Real Property Tax funds

Approvals:

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