

**RESOLUTION NO. 1109**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EDMONDS, WASHINGTON, OPPOSING INITIATIVE 912 CONCERNING MOTOR VEHICLE FUEL TAXES IN THE NOVEMBER 8, 2005 GENERAL ELECTION**

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WHEREAS, Initiative 912 would repeal a motor vehicle tax rate increase enacted by the 2005 session of the Legislature for state-wide transportation purposes, and

WHEREAS, Initiative 912 would repeal the motor vehicle fuel tax increases of 3 cents in 2005 and 2006, 2 cents in 2007, and 1.5 cents per gallon in 2008, enacted in 2005 for transportation purposes, and

WHEREAS, the increases in the motor vehicle fuel tax were enacted by the Legislature primarily to fund over 270 public transportation projects as part of a state-wide 16 year plan, and

WHEREAS, Initiative 912 would repeal increases in the motor vehicle fuel tax, approximately 17 percent of the net revenue from the first two steps of which is to be distributed to towns, cities, and counties for transportation purposes; of which approximately \$160,000 would be received annually to the City of Edmonds, and

WHEREAS, Edmonds citizens have consistently indicated that transportation issues and the need for transportation improvements are high priorities, and

WHEREAS, a well-functioning transportation system is essential to enduring our economic health and retaining and increasing family-wage jobs, and

WHEREAS, the gas tax is not indexed to inflation which contributes to reducing the existing level of service over time, and

WHEREAS, Initiative to 912 is contrary to City Council Resolution 1069 approved and adopted on August 3, 2004 which supports state legislative action to address funding for municipal transportation infrastructure, and

WHEREAS, this Resolution has come before the Edmonds City Council at its meeting of October 18, 2005, with notice thereof given in the manner required by RCW 42.17.130(1)(a), and

WHEREAS, at said meeting members of the City Council and members of the public in attendance were afforded an approximately equal opportunity for the expression of opposing views, and

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EDMONDS, WASHINGTON,  
HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The City Council, of the City of Edmonds declares its opposition to Initiative Measure No. 912 and urges voters to vote “no” on I-912.

RESOLVED this 18<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2006.

APPROVED:

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MAYOR, GARY HAAKENSON

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATED:

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CITY CLERK, SANDRA S. CHASE

FILED WITH THE CITY CLERK: 10/14/2005  
PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL: 10/18/2005  
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