

**RICHMOND CITY CORPORATION
RESOLUTION 2016-2**

WHEREAS, Cache County is referred to herein as the “County”; and

WHEREAS, Amalga Town, Clarkston Town, Cornish Town, Hyde Park City, Hyrum City, Lewiston City, Logan City, Mendon City, Millville City, Newton Town, Nibley City, North Logan City, Paradise Town, Providence City, Richmond City, River Heights City, Smithfield City, Trenton Town, and Wellsville City are referred to herein collectively as the “Municipalities”; and

WHEREAS, the County and some or all of the Municipalities desire to place before their voters the creation of a local district under the Water Conservancy District Act, Utah Code Ann. § 17B-2a-1001 *et seq.*, as provided in this Resolution, to plan for and facilitate the long-term conservation, development protection, distribution, management and stabilization of water sources for domestic, irrigation, power, manufacturing, municipal, recreation and other beneficial uses at a reasonable cost to meet the needs of the residents and growing population of Cache County; and

WHEREAS, the Cache County Council intends to reduce the portion of the County-wide property tax that is utilized for water development by an amount equal to any property tax imposed by the new local district, which will result in a combined county and local district property tax rate that is revenue neutral and will not increase the property tax burden on any property for at least four (4) years; and

WHEREAS, Utah Code Ann. § 17B-1-203 provides that the process to create a local district may be initiated by a resolution adopted by the legislative body of each county whose unincorporated area includes, and each municipality whose boundaries include, any of the proposed local district; and

WHEREAS, the proposed local district will be created only after its creation has been approved by the voters residing within the district; and

WHEREAS, Richmond City, being one of the Municipalities located within the boundaries of the proposed local district, desires to join with the County and other Municipalities in presenting the question of creating the proposed local district before their voters.

NOW THEREFORE, the Council of Richmond City, County of Cache, State of Utah, does hereby resolve, pass, and publish the following:

A RESOLUTION TO INITIATE THE CREATION OF THE CACHE WATER DISTRICT.

Be it hereby resolved by the City Council of Richmond City, County of Cache, State of Utah, as follows:

1. In order to allow the citizens of Richmond City to vote on the creation of a water conservancy district, Richmond City, concurrently with the County and other Municipalities, proposes the creation of a local district under the Water Conservancy District Act, Utah Code Ann. § 17B-2a-1001 *et seq.*, which may include all of the incorporated and unincorporated areas within the boundary of Cache County, Utah, as depicted in the map which is attached as Exhibit “A” to and incorporated as part of this Resolution, conditioned upon each Municipality located within the proposed boundary of the district passing a similar Resolution. If the legislative body of any Municipality fails to adopt a similar Resolution, that Municipality may be excluded from the district.

2. The district that is proposed to be created will be known as the “Cache Water District,” a water conservancy district located in a county of the third class.

3. The service proposed to be provided by the Cache Water District is the operation of a system, or one or more components of a system, for the collection, storage, retention, control, conservation, treatment, supplying, distribution, or reclamation of water, including storm, flood, irrigation, and culinary water, whether the system is operated on a wholesale or retail level or both, as provided in Utah Code Ann. § 17B-1-202(1)(a)(xii).

4. The type of specialized local district that is proposed to be created is a water conservancy district, as provided in the Water Conservancy District Act, Utah Code Ann. § 17B-2a-1001 *et seq.*

5. The anticipated method of paying the costs of providing the proposed service is through the collection of ad valorem property taxes, service fees and charges, and/or levied assessments. It may be some time before the district will be able to provide water service and collect fees and charges for that service. Consequently, the district initially will be funded through Cache County, until the district establishes its own property tax assessment, at which time Cache County is to reduce its property tax rate by an equivalent amount as stated in the foregoing recitals.

6. The maximum property tax levy a water conservancy district can impose is 0.0001 per dollar before certain activities are commenced, 0.0002 per dollar after certain activities are commenced, and 0.0003 per dollar if an additional levy is necessary to pay maturing bonds or debts. The average home value in Cache County is \$201,182, but the fair market value of residential property is allowed an exemption equal to a 45% reduction in the value of the property for property tax purposes. Taking these factors into consideration, the estimated average annual financial impact on a household within the proposed district will be as follows: the tax on a \$201,182 residence would be \$11.07 using a tax rate of 0.0001, \$22.13 using a tax rate of 0.0002, and \$33.20 using a tax rate of 0.0003. However, for at least the first four (4) years after the creation of the District, the net financial impact on a household may be zero if Cache County reduces its property tax rate by an amount equal to the new rate assessed by the district. Service fees and levied assessments cannot be estimated, and will be charged based upon actual water deliveries or contractually agreed upon amounts.

7. The number of members of the board of trustees of the proposed water conservancy district, consistent with Utah Code Ann. § 17B-1-302(2), will be eleven. The board of trustees will consist of ten elected trustees and one appointed trustee who will be elected or appointed, respectively, pursuant to the procedures set forth in Utah Code Ann. Title 17B, Chapter 1, Part 3 and § 17B-2a-1005. Seven of the elected Trustees will be elected from districts, with one trustee to be elected to represent each of the seven Cache County Council districts, as those districts may be established and modified from time-to-time pursuant to applicable law. The three remaining elected trustees will be elected County-wide. The one Trustee who is appointed by the Cache County Council will, pursuant to Utah Code Ann. § 17B-2a-1005(2)(d), be a person who owns irrigation rights and uses those rights as part of that person's livelihood. Regarding the ten elected trustee positions, the initial trustees will be appointed by the Cache County Council pursuant to Utah Code Ann. §§ 17B-1-303 and 20A-1-512, with staggered terms and subsequent trustees to otherwise be elected as provided herein.

Passed by vote of the Richmond City Council, County of Cache, State of Utah, this 17th day of May, 2016.

Michael E. Hall
Mayor, City of Richmond

ATTEST:

Justin B. Lewis
Recorder