

# Resolution No. 1998-06

[\(Council Minutes 98/02/02\)](#)

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WHEREAS, after many years where the sales tax equalization was sufficient to fully fund the first three distributions with some money left for the fourth distribution, the State is not currently funding Sales Tax Equalization at the statutorily established level; and,

WHEREAS, incorporations of new cities and annexations which have been encouraged and promoted by the Washington Growth Management Act adopted by the State Legislature in 1990, have dramatically decreased the revenues available to each city, old and new alike, resulting in significantly less revenue available to their general funds; and

WHEREAS, said reductions of revenues have curtailed projects and services, thereby reducing the quality of life for our citizens,

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD, WASHINGTON, HEREBY RESOLVES as follows:

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2. That this Resolution shall be in full force and effect upon passage and signatures hereon.

PASSED by the City Council this 2nd day of February, 1998.

CITY OF LAKEWOOD

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Bill Harrison, Mayor

Attest:

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Alice M. Bush, CMC, City Clerk

Approved as to Form:

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Daniel B. Heid, City Attorney

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