



Orting Valley Fire and Rescue

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Resolution 2017-004

A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS OF PIERCE COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 18, AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE DISTRICT AT A SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD WITHIN THE DISTRICT ON AUGUST 1, 2017 OF A PROPOSITION AUTHORIZING THE LEVY OF A GENERAL TAX ON THE TAXABLE PROPERTY WITHIN THE DISTRICT IN EXCESS OF CONSTITUTIONAL AND STATUTORY LIMITATIONS.

WHEREAS, it is the judgment of the Board of Fire Commissioners of the District that it is essential and necessary for the protection of the health, life and property of the residents of the District that the fire and emergency medical services enumerated in this Resolution be provided by the District. Such services will necessitate the expenditure of revenues for maintenance, operations and equipment in excess of those which can be provided by the District's regular tax levy for collection beginning in 2018 and ending in 2021, such excess being not less than \$3,300,000.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS OF FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 18, PIERCE COUNTY, STATE OF WASHINGTON AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The District does not obtain sufficient revenue from its regular property tax levy to provide fire and emergency medical services at the level that it currently provides. The purpose of this special levy would be to provide sufficient funds to maintain the level of services with increasing call volume during 2018 through 2021. The funds obtained through this levy will be used to pay regular maintenance and operation costs and to maintain the current level of emergency services and add additional staffing of 2 firefighters and 1 firefighter paramedic. The District has seen an increase of 29% in requests for service since 2010 and has not increased staffing.

Section 2. In order to produce revenue sufficient to pay the costs of providing adequate fire protection and emergency medical services as described in Section 1 of this Resolution and to maintain reserve funds sufficient to assure the continuation of such services, the District shall levy the total sum of \$4,100,000 between the years 2018 thru 2021 and collect said sum by a general tax on taxable property within the District, in excess of the regular levy by collecting \$1,222,850 per year in 2018, 2019, 2020, and 2021, for the purpose of maintenance and operations of fire department services.

Section 3. The expected tax rates for years 1 and 2 are approximately \$0.92 cents, in year 3 approximately \$0.91 cents and in year 4 approximately \$0.89 cents per \$1,000 of assessed valuation (based on an assessment ration of 100% of true and fair market value), to be collected in 2018 thru 2021 to provide funds required by the District to maintain operational capabilities, and for maintenance and operations expenditures essential for basic fire and life protection needs.

Section 4. There shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the District for their ratification or rejection, at a general election on August 1, 2017, the question of whether or not such levy for maintenance and operations, in excess of the constitutional and statutory limits, shall be made. The Board of Fire Commissioners hereby requests that the Auditor of Pierce County, as ex-officio Supervisor of Elections, call such special election, to submit the following proposition at such election, in the form of a ballot title substantially as follows:

PROPOSITION 1

Pierce County Fire Protection District No. 18

(Orting Valley Fire and Rescue)

Property Tax Levy

For Maintenance and Operations Expenses

The Board of Fire Commissioners of Pierce County Fire Protection District No. 18 adopted Resolution 2017-004 concerning a proposition to finance maintenance and operations expenses. The proposition, if approved, will authorize the District to levy, without regard to the dollar rate and percentage limitations imposed by chapter 84.52 RCW, a property tax upon all taxable property within the District of approximately:

<u>Collection Year</u>	<u>Approximate Rate per \$1,000 of Assessed Value</u>	<u>Levy Amount</u>
2018	\$0.92 cents	\$1,222,850
2019	\$0.92 cents	\$1,222,850
2020	\$0.91 cents	\$1,222,850
2021	\$0.89 cents	\$1,222,850


To be used for maintenance and operations and to maintain the current level of fire services and emergency medical services as provided in Resolution No. 2017-004. Should this proposition be approved?

Yes

No

Section 5. The Secretary of the District is directed (a) to certify to the Auditor a copy of this Resolution No. 2017-004 showing its adoption by the Board at least eighty-four (84) days prior to the date of such general election; and (b) to perform such other duties as are necessary and required by law in submitting to the voters of the District at the aforesaid election the proposition of whether such excess tax levy shall be made.

ADOPTED by the Board of Fire Commissioners of Pierce County Fire Protection District No. 18, at an open public meeting thereof this 18th day of April, 2017, of which notice was given in the manner provided by law, the following Commissioners being present and voting.


Shawn Mahoney-Commission Chair


Arlene Dannat-Commissioner


Margaret O'Harra Buttz-Commission Vice Chair


Tom Marino-Commissioner


Rich Meek-Commissioner


Kimberly Kemp-District Secretary