



Orting Valley Fire and Rescue

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Resolution 2017-007

A RESOLUTION of the Board of Fire Commissioners (the "Board") of Pierce County Fire Protection District No. 18, (the "District") providing for the submission to the voters of the District at a general election to be held therein on November 7, 2017, a proposition authorizing a regular property tax levy of \$0.50 per \$1,000.00. This proposition would authorize the District to set and maintain a regular property tax levy of \$0.50 per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation for 2017 and thereafter subject to any otherwise applicable statutory dollar rate limitations, all as more particularly set forth herein.

WHEREAS, it is the judgment of the Board of Commissioners of the District that, due to the limitations contained in RCW 84.55.005, it appears certain money available for Emergency Medical Care and Services ("EMS") for the calendar year 2018 and beyond will be insufficient to permit the District to meet the expenses associated with providing essential and necessary EMS for the protection of the public health, life, and property of its residents during such period, given the current levy rate of \$0.46 per \$1,000.00 of assessed value; and, that it is necessary the EMS regular property tax levy of the District be set at \$0.50 per \$1,000.00, such levy to be made in 2017 for collection in 2018; and in succeeding years, on all taxable property within the District (such assessed value representing 100% of true and fair value unless specifically provided otherwise by law), in order for the District to be able to provide emergency medical care and services, and;

WHEREAS, the Constitution and the laws of the State of Washington require that the question of whether such taxes may be levied must be submitted to the qualified electors of the District for their ratification or rejection.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED,

Section 1. In order to provide fire protection, prevention, and emergency medical services in the District, it is necessary for the District to obtain, operate, and maintain emergency service vehicles and facilities staffed by properly trained personnel equipped with suitable firefighting and emergency medical equipment.

Section 2. In order to provide the revenue adequate to pay the costs of providing adequate life protection services and facilities as described in Section 1 and to assure the continuation of such services, the District shall, in accordance with RCW 84.55.050, remove the limitation on regular property taxes imposed by RCW 84.55.010, and levy beginning in 2017 for collection beginning in 2018, pursuant to RCW 52.16.130, RCW 52.16.140, and

RCW 52.16.160, a general tax on taxable property within the District at a rate of \$0.50 per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation subject to otherwise applicable statutory limits.

Section 3. The District currently levies a regular property tax at the rate of \$0.46 per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation.

Section 4. LIMIT FACTOR. In order to provide the revenue adequate to pay the costs of providing adequate life protection services and facilities as described in Section 1 and to maintain reserve funds sufficient to assure the continuation of such services beyond 2018, the District has determined that a limit factor of 6% shall be used to determine the actual levy rate, subject to the maximum statutory rate of \$0.50 per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation in 2018 – 2022. The funds raised under this levy shall not supplant existing funds used for the purposes described in Section 1.

Section 5. The Auditor of Pierce County, Washington, as *ex officio* Supervisor of Elections (the "Auditor"), is requested to call and conduct an election in the District, in the manner provided by law, to be held herein on November 7, 2017, in conjunction with the State general election, for the purpose of submitting to the voters of the District, for their approval or rejection, a proposition of whether the regular property tax levy of the District shall be set at \$0.50 per \$1,000.00 of assessed value in 2017, subject to otherwise applicable statutory limitations; and for the dollar amount of such levies to be used for the purpose of computing the limitations for subsequent levies under RCW 84.55.050 and for the limit factor to be established as 6% for years 2018 - 2022.

Section 6. Pursuant to RCW 29A.36.071, as amended, the Pierce County Prosecuting Attorney is requested to prepare the concise description of the aforesaid proposition for the ballot title in substantially the following form:

FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 18

PIERCE COUNTY, WASHINGTON

PROPOSITION NO. 2

AUTHORIZING RESTORATION OF EMS LEVY

The Board of Fire Commissioners of Fire Protection District No. 18, Pierce County, Washington, adopted Resolution No. 2017-007, authorizing a regular property tax levy for Emergency Medical Services. This measure would authorize the District to restore and maintain its regular property tax levy to \$0.50 per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation in 2017 for collection in 2018 and would authorize an annual increase of up to 6% (but not to exceed the \$0.50 rate) for each of the five succeeding years. The maximum allowable levy in 2022, collected in 2023, shall serve as the base for subsequent levy limitations as provided by Chapter 84.55 RCW.

Should this proposal be approved?

YES ()

NO ()

Section 7. The Secretary of the District is directed: (a) to certify to the Auditor a copy of this Resolution No. 2017-007 showing its adoption by the Board at least 84 days prior to the date of such 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 20th day of June, 2017, of which notice was given in the manner provided by law, the following Commissioners being present and voting.

Pierce County
Fire Protection District No. 18

By: 
TOM MARINO
Fire Commissioner

By: 
SHAWN MAHONEY
Fire Commissioner

By: 
ARLENE DANNAT
Fire Commissioner

By: 
RICH MEEK
Fire Commissioner

By: 
MARGARET O'HARRA BUTTZ
Fire Commissioner

ATTEST:


KIMBERLY KEMP, District Secretary
Board of Fire Commissioners