



Orting Valley Fire and Rescue

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Resolution 2018-006

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 6, 2018, 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 2018 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 \$0.43 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 2018 for collection in 2019; 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 2018 for collection beginning in 2019, 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 \$0.43 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 2019 – 2023. 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 6, 2018, 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 2018, 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 2019 - 2023.

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. 2018-006, 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 2018 for collection in 2019 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 2023, collected in 2024, 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. 2018-006 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 10th day of July, 2018, 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

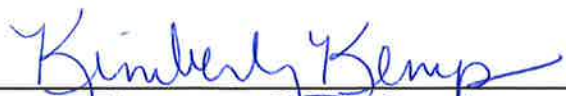
By: 
SHAWN MAHONEY
Fire Commissioner

By: 
ARLENE DANNAT
Fire Commissioner

By: 
KEVIN GORDER
Fire Commissioner

By: 
MARGARET O'HARRA BUTTZ
Fire Commissioner

ATTEST:


KIMBERLY KEMP, District Secretary
Board of Fire Commissioners

CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned, Secretary of Pierce County Fire Protection District No. 18, (the "District"), hereby certify as follows:

1. The attached copy of Resolution No. 2018-006 (the "Resolution") is a full, true, and correct copy of the Resolution duly adopted at a regular meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners of the District (the "Board") held on July 10, 2018, as the Resolution appears on the minute book of the District and the Resolution is now in full force and effect.
2. The regular meeting was held in accordance with law.
3. A quorum of the members of the Board was present throughout the meeting and a majority of those members present voted in the proper manner for the adoption of the Resolution.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 10th day of July, 2018.


KIMBERLY KEMP, District Secretary
Board of Fire Commissioners

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

Election Date: November 6, 2018

Name of Jurisdiction
Submitting Measure: Pierce County Fire Protection District No. 18

Contact Name: Shawn Mahoney, Board Chair

Contact Phone Number: 360-893-2221

Pierce County Fire Protection District No. 18 ("Orting Valley Fire and Rescue" or "OVFR") is seeking voter approval to restore its EMS levy to \$0.50 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation in 2018 and to increase its annual revenue by an amount up to 6% in each of the five subsequent years. In the absence of voter approval, fire districts may only increase their annual revenue by 1% over the prior year. State law allows voters to expressly authorize a larger increase. This proposition would allow OVFR to exceed the limitation imposed by Initiative 747 and to restore its levy in 2018 to \$0.50, which is the same levy rate that voters approved in 2015.

Approval of this proposition combined with proposition number one would provide funding for the following: 1) a vehicle replacement plan, 2) replenishment of reserve accounts and 3) address staffing needs for increasing demands for service. The district has experienced a 35% increase in calls since 2010 but has not increased staffing since 2008. This measure would also provide funding to meet annual inflation increases which typically exceed the 1% revenue growth limit imposed by I-747.

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