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Thurston County Fire Protection District 15

RESOLUTION 2013.001

A RESOLUTION of the Board of Fire Commissioners of Fire Protection District 15, Thurston County, Washington, relating to regular property taxes; providing for the submission to the qualified electors of the District at the special election on August 6, 2013, of a proposition authorizing the District to levy regular property taxes in excess of the limitations of ch. 84.55 RCW; setting forth the text of the ballot proposition; directing proper District officials to take such necessary actions; and providing for other properly related matters.

BE IT RESOLVED BY the Board of Fire Commissioners (the "Board") of Fire Protection District 15, Thurston County, Washington, as follows:

Section 1. Recitals. The Board finds and determines as follows:

(a) RCW 84.55.050 provides for the levy of regular property taxes in an amount exceeding the limitations specified in chapter 84.55 RCW if such increased levy is authorized by a proposition approved by a majority of the voters at a special election held within the taxing district (a "levy lid lift").

(b) The revenues that will be available to the District in calendar year 2014 and future years will be insufficient to provide for the level of fire protection services and facilities that are required by the community.

(c) The Board finds that it is in the best interests of the District to submit to the voters of the District, at the primary election on August 6, 2013, a proposition authorizing the District to increase its regular property tax levy for collection in 2014 by an amount greater than otherwise permitted under chapter 84.55 RCW in order to provide additional funding for fire services and facilities, as further described in this resolution.

Section 2. Calling of Election. The Board authorizes and directs submission to the qualified voters of the District, at a special election held in conjunction with the primary election on August 6, 2013, of a proposition authorizing the District to increase its regular property tax levy as permitted under RCW 84.55.050(2) for the limited purpose described in this resolution.

Section 3. Purpose and Description of Ballot Measure. If this proposition is approved, the Board will be authorized to adopt, in accordance with its regular budget process, an increased regular property tax, as follows:

(a) Purpose. The increased levy amounts authorized pursuant to this proposition for collection in 2014 through 2019, inclusive, shall be used solely to fund fire protection services and facilities.

(b) Levy Authorization. This ballot proposition authorizes a maximum regular levy rate for collection in 2014 of \$1.50 per \$1,000 of assessed value (AV), which is estimated to produce approximately \$100,000 of additional revenue in 2014 to be dedicated to the purposes described above. This represents an incremental increase in the regular property tax of approximately \$229 per year on a \$300,000 home over the 2013 levy amounts. In 2015 and subsequent years, the levy amount limitation under ch. 84.55 RCW shall be computed based on the maximum legal levy amount allowed under chapter 84.55 RCW for collection in 2019.

(c) Limit Factor. The District's maximum allowable regular tax levy for collection in each of the years 2015 through 2019 shall be computed by using the prior year's maximum legal levy and applying a limit factor equal to 100% plus the annual incremental increase in the consumer price index for Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton June bi-monthly CPI-U published by the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Section 4. Ballot Title. The Auditor of Thurston County, Washington, as *ex officio* supervisor of elections, is hereby requested to call and conduct a special election in the District, in the manner provided by law, to be held on the date identified in Section 2, for the purpose of submitting to the voters of the District, a proposition in substantially the following form:

**Fire Protection District 15
Thurston County, Washington**

Proposition 1

Fire Protection Services and Facilities Levy Lid Lift

The Board of Fire Commissioners has adopted Resolution R2013.001 concerning a levy lid lift for fire protection services and facilities. If approved, this proposition would authorize an increased regular property tax levy in 2014-2019 for fire protection services, equipment and facilities. The 2014 levy rate would be \$1.50/\$1,000 of assessed value, an increase of \$0.762146/\$1,000 over the 2013 levy rate. The limit factor for calculating the 2015-2019 maximum levies would be the increase in inflation, measured by the CPI, as identified in the resolution. The 2019 levy limit would be used to calculate future levy limits.


Should this proposition be: Approved? Rejected?

For purposes of receiving notice of any matters related to the ballot title, as provided in RCW 29A.36.080, the Board hereby designates the Tumwater City Attorney, Karen Kirkpatrick (360-754-4121, kkirkpatrick@ci.tumwater.wa.us) as the person to whom such notice should be provided.

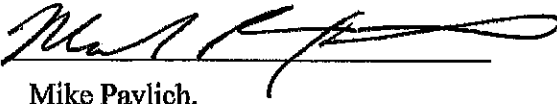
Section 5. Authorization to Deliver Resolution and Perform Other Necessary Duties. The District Secretary (or designee) is authorized and directed, no later than May 10, 2013, to certify a copy of this resolution to the proper County officials and to perform such other duties as are necessary or required by law to the end that the ballot measure should appear on the ballot as described in this resolution. All actions taken prior to the effective date of this resolution and in furtherance of these objectives are hereby ratified and confirmed.

Section 6. Effective Date. This resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage, as provided by law.

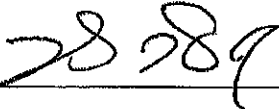
ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Fire Protection District 15, Thurston County, Washington this 15th day of April, 2013.



Kyle Baxter, Chair/Secretary,
Commissioner Pos. 1




Mike Pavlich,
Commissioner Pos. 3



Rudy Horton,
Commissioner Pos. 2

ATTEST:



Secretary

Effective Date: 4/15/13