



**THURSTON COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT 17**

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**BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS RESOLUTION**

**# 13-03-01**

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**AUTHORIZATION PROVIDING FOR SUBMISSION FOR A SPECIAL ELECTION IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE PRIMARY ELECTION ON AUGUST 6, 2013 A PROPOSITION FOR THE LEVY RATE TO REMAIN \$1.50 PER \$1000 OF ASSESSED VALUATION**

A resolution of the Board of Fire Commissioners of Thurston County Fire Protection District #17, providing for the submission to the qualified electors of the district at a special election to be held therein in conjunction with the primary election on August 6, 2013, of a proposition for the 2012 levy of a property tax not to exceed \$1.50 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation to remain; establishing a six-year limit factor of subject to otherwise applicable statutory limitations; and the final period to be used to calculate subsequent levy limits.

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, lives and property of the residents of the District that fire protection, prevention and emergency medical services be provided by the District. Such services necessitate the expenditure of revenues for maintenance, operations, equipment and personnel at the 2012 tax rate;

WHEREAS, a regular property tax rate of \$1.50 per \$1000 of assessed valuation, applicable to all taxable property located in the district, may be lawfully levied within the limits prescribed by RCW 84.55 as amended, which limits annual property tax increases to one percent over and above the previous year's tax revenues; and

WHEREAS, RCW 85.44 050 authorized the one percent limit on annual increases to be exceeded with voter approval, commonly referred to as a "lid lift" election; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners has determined that the one percent limit will not be sufficient to provide for the expected cost increases required to maintain and increase the level of services currently provided by the District.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, FOUND, DETERMINED AND ORDERED, AS FOLLOWS:

**Section 1.** In order to provide fire protection, prevention and emergency medical services for the protection of the health, lives and property of the residents of the District, it is necessary for the District to expend revenues for maintenance, operations, equipment and personnel.

**Section 2.** The proposal set forth below, if authorized by the qualified electors of the District, will allow a continued levy rate of \$1.50 per \$1000 of assessed valuation for a one (1) year period, coupled with specified increases in property taxes collected in each of the five

consecutive successive years thereafter. There shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the District, for their ratification or rejection at a special election held in conjunction with the primary election on August 6, 2013, a proposition to exceed the one percent limitation of RCW 84.55.010 et seq and levy the full authorized rate of \$1.50 per \$1000 assessed valuation for one year period, coupled with specified increases in property taxes collected in each of the five consecutive successive years thereafter, subject to statutory and constitutional limits, which are otherwise applicable.

**Section 3.** 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 2019, the District has determined that a continued limit factor of 106% shall be used to determine the actual levy rate in 2014 – 2019, subject to the maximum statutory rate of \$1.50 per \$1000 of assessed valuation. The 2019 levy shall be used to determine future levy increases. The funds raised under this levy shall not supplant existing funds used for the purposes described in Section 1.

**Section 4.** The Board hereby requests the manager of Records and Election of Thurston County, Washington, as ex officio County Supervisor of Elections, to call and conduct such special election to be held with the District on Tuesday, August 6, 2013, and to submit to the qualified electors of the District the proposition in substantially the following form:

**PROPOSITION NO. 1**

**THURSTON COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT #17**

**AUTHORIZATION FOR THE CURRENT  
PROPERTY TAX LEVY TO REMAIN**

The Board of Fire Commissioners of Thurston County Fire Protection District #17 adopted Resolution No. 13-03-01 concerning a proposition to keep the District's regular property tax levy approved in 2007, for maintenance and operations in an amount not to exceed \$1.50 per \$1000 assessed valuation for collection in 2014 and the limit factor to remain at 106% (but not to exceed a rate of \$1.50 per \$1000) for each of the five succeeding years; the 2019 levy limit will be used to calculate subsequent levy limits. Should this proposition be:

Approved

Rejected

**Section 5.** The locations of the polling places, if any, shall be as specified by the Manager of Records and Elections of Thurston County, Washington, as ex officio County Supervisor of Elections for the District.

**Section 6.** A notice of special election shall be published at least once, which publication shall take place not more than ten (10) days nor less than three (3) days prior to the date of said election. Said publication shall be in a newspaper of general circulation within the District.

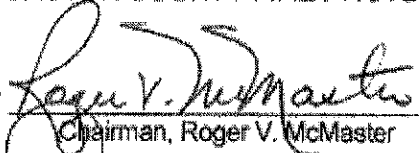
**Section 7.** Approval of the proposition described in Section 4 above shall be construed and interpreted as qualified elector approval of a tax increase in compliance with RCW 84.55 as amended.

Section 8. The Secretary of the Board is hereby directed to deliver a certified copy of this resolution to the manager of Records and Elections of Thurston County, Washington, as ex officio County Supervisor of Elections for the District, at least 84 days before the date of the special election.

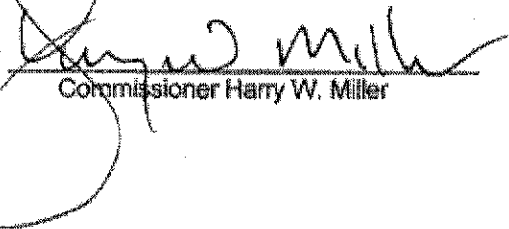
Section 9. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

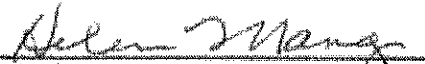
ADOPTED at the regular meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners of Thurston County Fire Protection District #17, this 14th day of March, 2013, by a majority of the members.

THURSTON COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT #17

By   
Chairman, Roger V. McMaster

By   
Commissioner William E. Owen

By   
Commissioner Harry W. Miller

By   
District Secretary Helen Heywood-Mang