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Resolution Cover Sheet



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Name of District: S.E. Thurston Fire Authority

District Address: 709 Mill Rd / P.O. Box 777 Yelm WA 98597

Date of Election: August 2nd 2016

Contact Person: Kris Kruse Title: Office Manager

Contact Phone: 360-458-2799 x33 Fax: 360-400-2930

Contact Email: KKruse@setfa.org

2nd Contact Person: Mark King Title: Fire Chief

2nd Contact Phone: 360-458-2799 x24

2nd Contact Email: chief1@setfa.org

Attorney for District: Charles Huser

Attorney Phone: 360-754-8028 Attorney Fax: 360-866-3832

Attorney Email Address: shuser@mindspring.com

Type of Election (levy, bond, lid lift, etc.): Levy lid lift

Please state the pass/fail requirement for this measure (i.e. simple majority, 60%, etc.) as determined by your legal counsel, together with applicable statutory references: Simple Majority

Does the district wish to opt into the Voters' Pamphlet? Yes No

Signature: [Signature] Date: 5-9-16
of person filing this form

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CERTIFICATION

I, Mark King, Secretary to the Board of Commissioners (the "Board") of S.E. Thurston Fire Authority, Washington (the "Authority"), hereby certify as follows:

1. The attached copy of Resolution No. 2016 -FA-03 (the "Resolution") is a full, true and correct copy of the Resolution duly passed at a regular meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Authority held at the regular meeting place thereof on the 5th day of May, 2016, as that Resolution appears on the Minute Book of the Authority; and
2. 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 5th day of May, 2016.

[Signature]
Mark King, Secretary

WEDNESDAY
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EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

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THURSTON COUNTY AUDITOR

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Election Date: August 2nd, 2016
Name of Jurisdiction
Submitting Measure: S.E. Thurston Fire Authority

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Contact Name: Fire Chief Mark King

Contact Phone Number: (360) 458-2799

S.E. Thurston Fire Authority, serving the citizens of Yelm, Rainier and surrounding areas, is placing a multi-year lid lift proposition on the August 2nd, 2016 ballot. This proposition will authorize the Fire Authority restoration of regular property tax levy to the maximum statutory rate of \$1.50 per \$1,000 of assessed value for collection in 2017 and set the limit factor for calculating annual levy rates up to 106% for the next five years (2017-2022). The 2022 levy amount will be used to calculate subsequent levy limits. The voters previously restored the district's regular property tax levy rate of \$1.50 in 2007.

Population growth, demands for emergency response, and increasing operating costs are challenges to the fire authority service delivery. The District's current levy rate is inadequate to support continuing levels of service.

Approval of this proposition would allow the Fire Authority to maintain current levels of emergency fire protection and prevention and emergency medical services, repair or replace aging vehicles and support an operational reserve account. Rejection of this proposition could necessitate cutbacks in services and increased response times.

Explanatory Statement Prepared By: Charles H. Houser III
Pope, Houser & Barnes, PLLC
General Counsel to the Fire Authority

**BALLOT TITLE FOR 6 YEAR LEVY – S.E. THURSTON FIRE
AUTHORITY – AUGUST 2nd, 2016**

PROPOSITION NO. 1

S.E. THURSTON FIRE AUTHORITY

AUTHORIZING RESTORATION OF PREVIOUS PROPERTY TAX LEVY

The Board of Fire Commissioners of S.E. Thurston Fire Authority adopted Resolution No 2016-FA-03 concerning a proposition to restore the Fire Authority's regular property tax levy. If approved, this proposition would restore the 2017 regular property tax levy to an amount not to exceed \$1.50 per \$1,000 assessed valuation and setting the limit factor for calculating levy rates in 2017 through 2022 at 106% (but not to exceed a rate of \$1.50).

Revenues would be used for fire protection, prevention, and emergency medical services, including maintenance, operation and replacement costs. The maximum permitted levy amount for 2022 would become the base for computing levy limits after this measure's expiration.

Should this proposition be:

Approved

Rejected

S.E.THURSTON FIRE AUTHORITY

RESOLUTION # 2016-FA-03

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS OF S.E. THURSTON FIRE AUTHORITY, 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 2ND, 2016, OF A PROPOSITION AUTHORIZING A LEVY OF A PROPERTY TAX NOT TO EXCEED \$1.50 PER THOUSAND DOLLARS OF TRUE AND ASSESSED VALUATION AND ESTABLISHING A SIX-YEAR LIMIT FACTOR SUBJECT TO OTHERWISE APPLICABLE STATUATORY LIMITATIONS.

WHEREAS, it is the judgment of the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Fire Authority that it is essential and necessary for the protection of the health and life of the residents of the Fire Authority that Fire and Emergency Medical Services be provided by the Fire Authority. Such services will necessitate the expenditure of revenues for maintenance, operations, equipment and personnel in excess of those which can be provided by the Fire Authority's regular tax revenues levied at the current rate per thousand dollars of assessed valuation of taxable property within the Fire Authority; and

WHEREAS, a regular property tax rate of \$1.50 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation, applicable to all taxable property located in the fire authority, may be lawfully levied within the limits prescribed by RCW 84.55 as amended, which limits annual property tax increases to 1% over and above the previous year's tax revenues; and

WHEREAS, RCW 84.55.050 authorizes 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 increase required to maintain and increase the level of services currently provided by the Fire Authority.

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

Section 1. In order to provide fire protection, prevention and emergency medical services in the Fire Authority, it is necessary for the Fire Authority to operate and maintain emergency fire and medical service vehicles and to construct and remodel stations facilities to be staffed by properly trained personnel equipped with proper fire fighting and emergency medical equipment.

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Section 2. The proposal set forth below, if authorized by the qualified electors of the Fire Authority, will allow a continued levy rate of \$1.50 per \$1,000 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 Fire Authority, for their ratification or rejection, at a special election held in conjunction with the primary election on August 2nd, 2016, a proposition to exceed the 1% limitation of RCW 84.55.010 et seq. and levy the full authorized rate of \$1.50 per \$1,000 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, for a total of six years, 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 2017, the Fire Authority has determined that a limit factor of 106% shall be used to determine the actual levy rate, subject to the maximum statutory rate of \$1.50 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation. 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 Auditor of Thurston County, Washington (the "Auditor"), as ex officio supervisor of elections, to call and conduct such special election to be held in conjunction with the primary election on Tuesday, August 2nd, 2016, and to submit to the voters of the Fire Authority the proposition in substantially the following attached form provided herein. An Explanatory Statement is also attached.

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Section 5. The locations of the polling places, if any, shall be as specified by the Thurston County Auditor of Thurston County, Washington, as ex officio County Supervisor of Elections for the Authority.

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 Fire Authority.

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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. For purposes of receiving notice of the exact language of the ballot proposition required by RCW 29A.36.080, the Board hereby designates: the Secretary of the Board and/or General Legal Counsel to the Authority, Charles H. Houser, III with Pope, Houser & Barnes, PLLC, as the individual to whom such notice should be provided.

Section 9. If any provision of this Resolution shall be declared by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, then such provision shall be null and void and be severable from the remaining provisions and shall in no way affect the validity of the other provisions or of the levy or collection of the taxes authorized herein.

Section 10. The Secretary of the Board or his/her designee is authorized and hereby directed to certify a copy of this resolution to the Auditor and to perform such other duties as are necessary or required by law to the end that the proposition described herein should appear on the ballot as the special election identified in this resolution.

Section 11. With respect to this election, the District shall participate in the publication of information in the Local Voters' Pamphlet, including but not limited to an explanatory statement reviewed and approved by the District's attorney, a statement for, and a statement against, pursuant to Chapter 29.81A of the Revised Code of Washington.

Section 12. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

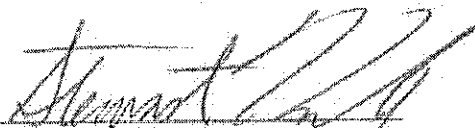
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ADOPTED AND APPROVED by the Board of Fire Commissioners of S.E. Thurston Fire Authority at a regular open public meeting thereof, this 5th day of May, 2016, the following commissioners being present and voting in favor of the resolution.

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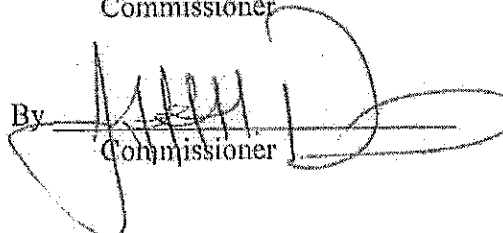
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