

**THURSTON COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 1**  
**(dba: West Thurston Regional Fire Authority)**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2015-002**

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THURSTON COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 1 (dba: West Thurston Regional Fire Authority) PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE DISTRICT AT A SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD WITHIN THE DISTRICT ON FEBRUARY 9, 2016 , OF A PROPOSITION AUTHORIZING THE LEVY OF A GENERAL TAX ON THE TAXABLE PROPERTY WITHIN THE DISTRICT IN EXCESS OF CONSTITUTIONAL AND STATUTORY LIMITATIONS IN THE SUM OF \$1,818,420; **YEAR 1** - \$606,140, WHICH IS APPROXIMATELY \$0.70 PER \$1,000 OF ASSESSED VALUATION (BASED ON AN ASSESSMENT RATIO OF 100% OF TRUE AND FAIR MARKET VALUE), TO BE COLLECTED IN 2017; **YEAR 2** - \$606,140, WHICH IS APPROXIMATELY \$0.70 PER \$1,000 OF ASSESSED VALUATION (BASED ON AN ASSESSMENT RATIO OF 100% OF TRUE AND FAIR MARKET VALUE), TO BE COLLECTED IN 2018; **YEAR 3** - \$606,140, WHICH IS APPROXIMATELY \$0.70 PER \$1,000 OF ASSESSED VALUATION (BASED ON AN ASSESSMENT RATIO OF 100% OF TRUE AND FAIR MARKET VALUE), TO BE COLLECTED IN 2019, ALL TO PROVIDE FUNDS REQUIRED BY THE DISTRICT TO MAINTAIN OPERATIONAL CAPABILITIES, TO AVOID A REDUCTION IN THE NUMBER OF FIREFIGHTER EMPLOYEES, AND FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION EXPENDITURES ESSENTIAL FOR BASIC FIRE AND LIFE PROTECTION NEEDS.

WHEREAS: It is the judgment of the Board of Commissioners of the district that it is essential and necessary for the protection of the health, life and property of the residents of the district that the fire and emergency medical services enumerated in this resolution be provided by the district. Such services will necessitate the expenditure of revenues for maintenance, operations and equipment in excess of those which can be provided by the district's regular tax levy for collection beginning in 2017 and ending in 2019, such excess being not less than \$1,818,420; Now, Therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THURSTON COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 1, THURSTON COUNTY, WASHINGTON, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The district does not obtain sufficient revenue from its regular property tax levy to maintain staffing levels necessary to provide fire and emergency medical services at the level that it currently provides. The District has been directed by the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) to attain staffing levels necessary to staff the fire stations in the District. The purpose of this special levy would be to replace funding from the prior Maintenance and Operations Levy to provide sufficient funds to maintain current staffing levels and attain staffing levels necessary to staff the fire stations as directed by the Citizen Advisory Committee during 2017 through 2019. The funds obtained through this levy will be used to pay regular maintenance and operation costs and to maintain and attain staffing necessary to staff the fire stations in the District as directed by the Citizens Advisory Committee. This maintenance and operations levy would allow Thurston County Fire Protection District No. 1 to replace funding from the 2015 Maintenance and Operations levy to maintain current staffing levels and attain staffing necessary to staff the fire stations in the District and to make up for some of the funding lost during the recent recession, which has caused property values to decline for approximately five years and to maintain services in light of increasing population to be served.

SECTION 2. In order to produce revenue sufficient to pay the costs of providing adequate fire protection and emergency medical services as described in Section 1 of this resolution and to maintain reserve funds sufficient to assure the continuation of such services, the district shall levy in 2016, and collect in 2017, a general tax on taxable property within the district, in excess of the regular levy, for maintenance and operation costs in the amount of \$606,140; the district shall levy in 2017, and collect in 2018, a general tax on taxable property within the district, in excess of the regular levy, for maintenance and operation costs in the amount of \$606,140; the district shall levy in 2018, and collect in 2019, a general tax on taxable property within the district, in excess of the regular levy, for maintenance and operation costs in the amount of \$606,140.

SECTION 3. There shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the district for their ratification or rejection, at an election on February 9, 2016, the question of whether or not such levy for maintenance and operations, in excess of the constitutional and statutory limits, shall be made. The Board of Commissioners hereby requests that the Auditor of Thurston County, as ex-officio Supervisor of Elections, declare an emergency if necessary and call such special election, to submit the following proposition at such election, in the form of a ballot title substantially as follows:

PROPOSITION 1

Thurston County Fire Protection District No. 1  
Rochester-Grand Mound Fire Department dba: West Thurston Regional Fire Authority  
Property Tax Levy  
For Maintenance and Operation Expenses

The Board of Fire Commissioners of Thurston County Fire Protection District No. 1, dba: West Thurston Regional Fire Authority adopted Resolution No. 2015-002 concerning a proposition to finance maintenance and operation expenses. This proposition, if approved, will authorize the District to levy, without regard to the dollar rate and percentage limitations imposed by chapter 84.52 RCW, a property tax upon all taxable property within the District of:

<u>Collection Year</u>	<u>Approximate Rate per \$1,000 of Assessed Value</u>	<u>Levy Amount</u>
2017	\$0.70	\$606,140
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To be used for maintenance and operations and to maintain current staffing and attain staffing levels necessary to staff the fire stations in the District to provide emergency medical, rescue and wild land/structural fire suppression and other emergency services as provided in Resolution No. 2015-002. Should this proposition be approved?

Yes

No

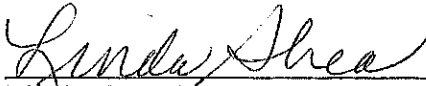
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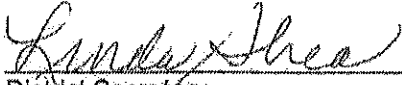
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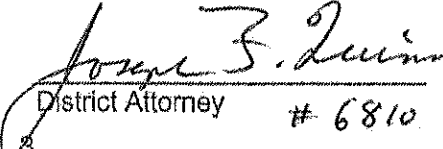
  
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## EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

The Maintenance and Operations levy approved by voters in 2014 will run out at the end of 2016. Without additional revenue, cutbacks of firefighter-EMT positions will be necessary.

This proposition is presented to allow voters the opportunity to maintain current firefighter-EMT staffing levels and to attain staffing levels necessary to staff the Rochester and Grand Mound Fire Stations, and to pay the regular maintenance and operation cost to provide emergency medical, rescue and wild land/structural fire suppression and other emergency services.

This proposition will authorize Rochester-Grand Mound Fire Department (aka West Thurston Regional Fire Authority) Thurston County Fire Protection District No. 1 to collect: \$606,140 in 2017; \$606,140 in 2018; \$606,140 in 2019. The approximate rate is \$0.70 cents per \$1,000 of assessed valuation. Approval of this proposition will cost approximately \$70 dollars per \$100,000 property valuation per year, for three years beginning in 2017 and ending in 2019.

Explanatory Statement Prepared By: Joseph F. Quinn

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