

KING COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 45

RESOLUTION # 422

(MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS LEVY RCW 84.52.130)

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF KING COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 45, PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE DISTRICT AT A SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD WITHIN THE DISTRICT ON APRIL 26, 2016 IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON THE SAME DATE, 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 \$750,000 PER YEAR FOR FOUR CONSECUTIVE YEARS BEGINNING IN 2016 WHICH IS APPROXIMATELY \$.375 PER \$1,000.00 OF TRUE AND ASSESSED VALUATION (BASED ON CURRENT ASSESSED VALUES), TO BE COLLECTED IN EACH SUCCEEDING YEAR TO PROVIDE FUNDS REQUIRED BY THE DISTRICT TO MAINTAIN THE EXISTING LEVEL OF SERVICE IN THE DISTRICT.

Background: 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 and life 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 and operations in excess of those that can be provided by the District's regular tax levy. The excess levy shall be in the amount of \$750,000 per year for four consecutive years beginning in 2016 for collection in 2017 and concluding with the 2019 levy to be collected in 2020

Resolution: NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of King County Fire Protection District No. 45, King County, Washington as follows:

Section 1. The cost of operating a fire department that provides fire prevention, fire protection and emergency medical services has increased because of the specialized equipment, personnel training and supplies now required by state and federal regulations. This maintenance and operations levy would allow the District to renew funding from the 2012 maintenance and operations levy and maintain current staffing levels and service deliveries.

Section 2. In order to provide revenue adequate to pay the costs of salaries, equipment and facilities necessary to maintain the District's level of service 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 each succeeding year for a period of four years and collect in the year following the levy, a general tax on taxable property within the District, in excess of the regular levy for maintenance and operation costs, in the approximate amount of \$750,000 per year which is approximately \$.375 per \$1,000.00 of true and assessed valuation (based on current estimated assessed values).

Section 3. There shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the District for their approval or rejection, at a special election on April 26, 2016 in conjunction with the special election to be held on the same date, 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 the Auditor of King County, as ex-officio Supervisor of Elections, call such special election, and to submit the following proposition at such election, in the form of a ballot title substantially as follows:

PROPOSITION NO. 1
King County Fire Protection District No. 45
Levy of General Tax
for Maintenance and Operations

The Board of King County Fire Protection District No. 45 adopted Resolution #422, concerning a proposition to adequately finance maintenance and operation costs.

This proposition provides for the support of fire protection and emergency medical services, facilities, maintenance, staffing and operations by authorizing the District to levy excess taxes in the amount of \$750,000 per year for four consecutive years beginning in 2016 to be collected in each year following at an approximate levy rate of \$.375 per thousand of assessed valuation (the actual rate will be based on assessed values).

Should this proposition be approved?

YES . . .

NO . . .

Adoption: ADOPTED by the Board of Commissioners of King County Fire Protection District No. 45, King County, Washington, at a regular open public meeting of such Board on the 11th day of February, 2016, the following commissioners being present and voting:



Jerry Smith, Commissioner



Harry Oestreich, Commissioner



John Frazier, Commissioner

ATTEST:



Rosa MK Fuquay, District Secretary
Board of Commissioners