

KING COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 27

RESOLUTION 2016-03

(MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS LEVY RCW 84.52.130)

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF KING COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 27, PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE DISTRICT AT THE GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD WITHIN THE DISTRICT ON NOVEMBER 8, 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 \$475,000 PER YEAR FOR FOUR CONSECUTIVE YEARS BEGINNING IN 2016 WHICH IS APPROXIMATELY \$0.4475 PER \$1,000.00 OF TRUE AND ASSESSED VALUATION, 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. District voters in 2013 approved a three year excess levy that expires this year. Because of prior reductions of assessed values within the District and the corresponding decline in tax revenues, 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 \$475,000 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. 27, 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. The District is not able to sustain service levels provided within the limitations of the District's regular tax levy. The District cannot maintain or improve its existing level of services without additional revenue.

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 amount of \$475,000 per year which is approximately \$0.4475 per \$1,000.00 of true and assessed valuation.

Section 3. There shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the District for their approval or rejection, at the general election on November 8, 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 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. 27
Levy of General Tax
for Maintenance and Operations

The Board of King County Fire Protection District No. 27 adopted Resolution No. 2016-03 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 \$475,000 per year for four consecutive years beginning in 2016 to be collected in each year following at an approximate levy rate of \$0.4475 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. 27, King County, Washington, at a special open public meeting of such Board on the 12th day of July, 2016, the following Commissioners being present and voting:



Lilly Hansen, Chairperson



Eric Hollis, Commissioner



Daniel Meredith, Commissioner



Melinda Evans, Board Secretary