

KING COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT #13 dba
VASHON ISLAND FIRE & RESCUE
RESOLUTION NO. 17-368

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF VASHON ISLAND FIRE & RESCUE PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE DISTRICT AT STATE GENERAL ELECTION ON NOVEMBER 7, 2017, OF A PROPOSITION AUTHORIZING A LEVY OF A PROPERTY TAX NOT TO EXCEED \$1.50 PER \$1,000 OF TRUE AND ASSESSED VALUATION AND ESTABLISHING A SIX YEAR LIMIT FACTOR SUBJECT TO OTHERWISE APPLICABLE STATUTORY LIMITATIONS.

WHEREAS, it is the judgment of the Board of Fire Commissioners of the District that it is essential for the protection of the health and life of the residents of the District that high quality fire and emergency medical services be provided by the District. Such services will necessitate the expenditure of revenues for operations, equipment, maintenance and personnel in excess of those which can be provided by the District's regular tax revenue levied at the current rate of \$0.93 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation of taxable property within the District; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Fire Commissioners has determined that the one percent limit factor established by RCW 84.55.010 will not be sufficient to provide for the expected cost increases to replace and maintain an aging fleet of vital apparatus, remodel or replace buildings in excess of 70 years, replace expiring equipment and protective clothing to industry safety standards to ensure the viability of our continued operations including state-mandated training and essential tools and equipment,

WHEREAS, the Board deems it necessary to establish the rate not to exceed \$1.50 per thousand throughout the District;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Fire Commissioners of Vashon Island Fire & Rescue as follows:

Section 1. In order to provide fire protection, prevention and emergency medical services of high quality in the District, it is necessary for the District to operate and maintain emergency fire and medical service vehicles and to remodel or upgrade station facilities to be staffed by state certified and mandated trained personnel equipped with industry standard safe firefighting and emergency medical equipment.

Section 2. In order to provide the revenue adequate to pay the increasing 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, the District shall, in accordance with RCW 84.55.050, remove the limitation on regular property taxes imposed by RCW 84.55.010 and levy, beginning in 2017 and collect beginning in 2018 pursuant to RCW 52.16.130, RCE 52.16.140 and RCW 52.16.160, a general tax on taxable property within the District at a rate not to exceed \$1.50 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation subject to otherwise applicable statutory limits.

Section 3. In order to provide the revenue sufficient 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 District has determined that a limit factor of 6% shall be used to determine the actual levy dollar amount, subject to the maximum statutory rate of \$1.50 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation, in 2019-2023 (years 2-6 of the six year levy). The funds raised under this levy shall not supplant existing funds used for the purposes described in Section 1. The dollar amount levied in 2022 and collected in 2023 shall serve as the District's tax levy base for purposes of applying the limit factor established by RCW 84.55.010 in subsequent years.

Section 4. There shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the District for their ratification or rejection, at the State general election on November 7, 2017, the question of whether or not the regular property tax levy of the District should be set for 2018 collection at \$1.50 per \$1,000.00 of true and assessed valuation, subject to otherwise applicable statutory limitations. The Board of Commissioners hereby requests the auditor of King County, as ex-officio Supervisor of Elections, to submit the following proposition at such election, in the form of a ballot title substantially as follows:

PROPOSITION NO. 1

Vashon Island Fire & Rescue
Authorizing Restoration of Previous Property Tax Levy Rate

The Board of Fire Commissioners of Vashon Island Fire and Rescue (AKA King County Fire District #13) adopted Resolution No. 17-367 concerning a proposition to finance maintenance, operations and facilities improvements. This measure would authorize the District's regular property tax levy rate of \$1.50 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation for collection in 2018 and would authorize up to a 6% limit factor for each of the five succeeding years and provide that the dollar amount of the 2022 levy collected in 2023 shall be used to determine future limitations as allowed by Chapter 84.55 RCW.

Should this Proposition be:

Approved _____

Rejected _____

Section 4. The locations of the polling places, if any, shall be as specified by the Manager of Records and Elections of King County, Washington, as ex officio County Supervisor of Elections for the District.

Section 5. A notice of 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 6. Approval of the proposition described in Section 3 above shall be construed and interpreted as qualified elector approval of a tax increase in compliance with RCW 84.55 as amended.

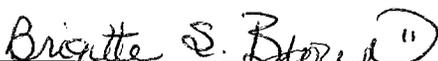
Section 7. With respect to this election, the District shall participate in the publication of information in the Local Voters' Pamphlet, including but not limited to an explanatory statement reviewed and approved by the District's attorney, a Statement For, and a Statement Against, pursuant to Chapter 29.81A of the Revised Code of Washington.

Section 8. The Secretary to the Board is hereby directed to deliver a certified copy of this resolution to the Manager of Records and Elections of King County, Washington, as ex officio County Supervisor of Elections for the District, on or before August 1, 2017.

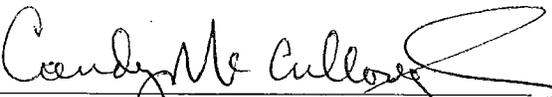
ADOPTED by the Board of Fire Commissioner of Vashon Island Fire and Rescue at a regular open public meeting of such Board on the 25 day of July, 2017 the following commissioners being present and voting.



Camille Staczek, Board Chair



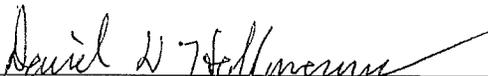
Brigitte Schran-Brown, Commissioner



Candy McCullough, Commissioner



Ron Turner, Commissioner



David Hoffmann, Commissioner

Attest:



Susan Wolf
District Secretary