



**RESOLUTION NO. 132  
RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION OF LEVY  
SPECIAL ELECTION**

A RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF PUGET SOUND REGIONAL FIRE AUTHORITY PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF PUGET SOUND FIRE AT A SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD WITHIN PUGET SOUND FIRE ON APRIL 24, 2018, OF A PROPOSITION AUTHORIZING A LEVY OF A PROPERTY TAX NOT TO EXCEED \$1.00 PER \$1,000.00 OF TRUE AND ASSESSED VALUATION SUBJECT TO OTHERWISE APPLICABLE STATUTORY LIMITATIONS.

**Background:** WHEREAS, it is the judgment of the Governing Board of Puget Sound Fire that it is essential and necessary for the protection of the health and life of the residents of Puget Sound Fire that the fire and emergency medical services be provided by Puget Sound Fire.

WHEREAS, The Governing Board has determined that the accelerated demands for, and increasing costs of, providing services will necessitate the expenditure of revenues for improved fire protection operations, replacing apparatus and equipment, providing staffing and maintaining emergency medical service levels in excess of those which can be provided by Puget Sound Fire's regular tax revenue levied at the current rate of approximately \$.769 per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation of taxable property within Puget Sound Fire as limited by the 101% limitation, not to exceed 1% maximum increase per year.

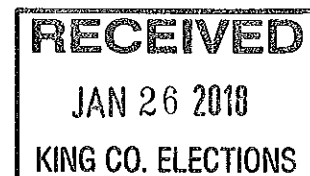
WHEREAS, Puget Sound Regional Fire previously levied its regular property tax at the rate of \$1.00 per thousand of assessed valuation of taxable property.

WHEREAS, The Governing Board has determined that it is in the best interest of Puget Sound Fire that the maximum allowable levy authorized by this Resolution serve as the levy base for purposes of applying the limit factor established by RCW 84.55.010 in subsequent years.

**Resolution:** NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Board of Puget Sound Regional Fire Authority King County, Washington as follows:

**Section 1.** In order to maintain and increase the level of fire protection, prevention, emergency medical services and the protection of life and property in Puget Sound Fire, it is necessary for Puget Sound Fire to operate and maintain emergency fire and medical service vehicles, to acquire and improve station and other capital facilities and to retain properly trained personnel equipped with proper firefighting and emergency medical equipment.

**Section 2.** In order to provide the revenue adequate to pay the costs of maintaining and providing the services described in Section 1 and to assure the continuation and improvement of such services Puget Sound Fire 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 2018 and collect beginning in 2019, pursuant to RCW 52.26.140, a general tax on taxable property within Puget Sound Fire at a rate of \$1.00 per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation subject to otherwise applicable statutory limits.



**Section 3.** The amount levied in 2018 shall serve as Puget Sound Fire'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 Puget Sound Fire for their ratification or rejection, at a special election on April 24, 2018, the question of whether or not the regular property tax levy of Puget Sound Fire should be restored to \$1.00 per \$1,000.00 of true and assessed valuation, subject to otherwise applicable statutory limitations. The Governing Board hereby requests the auditor of King County, as ex-officio Supervisor of Elections, to call such election, and to submit the following proposition at such election, in the form of a ballot title substantially as follows:

Name of Jurisdiction: Puget Sound Regional Fire Authority  
Proposition #: Proposition No. 1  
Short Title: Property Tax Levy for Fire Protection and Emergency Medical Services.

Ballot Title: The Board of Puget Sound Regional Fire Authority adopted Resolution No. 132 concerning a proposition to maintain and adequately fund Puget Sound Fire operations.

This proposition authorizes Puget Sound Fire to restore its regular property tax levy to \$1.00 per \$1,000 of assessed value to be assessed in 2018 and collected in 2019. The funds will maintain and improve fire protection and emergency medical services, maintain staffing, replace apparatus, equipment and facilities and provide for firefighter safety. The maximum allowable levy in 2018 shall serve as the base for subsequent levy limitations as provided by chapter 84.55 RCW.

Should this proposition be:

Approved

Rejected

**Section 5.** The Governing Board hereby requests that King County Elections prepare and distribute a Local Voters Pamphlet.

**Section 6.** The Governing Board hereby assigns to the Fire Chief or designee the task of appointing members to a committee to advocate voters' approval of the proposition and to a committee to prepare arguments advocating voters' rejection of the proposition.

**Section 7.** For purposes of receiving notice of any matters related to the ballot title, as provided in RCW 29A.36.080, the Governing Board hereby designates the Fire Chief and legal counsel as the individuals to whom the County Auditor shall provide such notice.

**Section 8.** The Puget Sound Regional Fire Authority Chief is authorized to implement such administrative procedures as may be necessary to carry out the directives of this resolution, including modifying the text of the ballot title and any other text, language and/or descriptions relative thereto necessary to conform such ballot title, text, language and/or descriptions to the intent of the parties, consistent with the objectives of this resolution

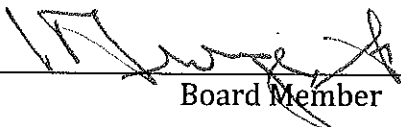
**Section 9.** The Chief, or designee, is hereby authorized and directed, no later than February 23, 2018, to provide to the County Auditor a certified copy of this resolution and the proper District officials are authorized to perform such other duties or take such other actions as are necessary or required by law to the end that the proposition described in this resolution appear on the ballot before the voters at the April 24, 2018 election.

**Section 10.** If any section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this resolution is declared unconstitutional or invalid for any reason, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this resolution.

**Section 11.** Any act consistent with the authority and prior to the effective date of this resolution is hereby ratified and affirmed.

**Section 12.** This resolution shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage.


**Adoption:** ADOPTED by the Governing Board of Puget Sound Regional Fire Authority at an open public meeting of such Board on the 17th day of January 2018, the following Commissioners being present and voting:

  
Board Member


  
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Board Secretary

