



KING COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT #40
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Resolution No. 542

A RESOLUTION of the Governing Board of King County Fire Protection District No. 40 declaring the intent to continue a voter-authorized Benefit Charge each year for an additional six (6) years and calling for an election within the District of a proposition to continue the voter-authorized Benefit Charge on personal property and improvements to real property within the District for up to six (6) years.

WHEREAS, King County Fire Protection District No. 40 (“District”) is authorized by RCW 52.18 et seq. to establish, impose and collect a Benefit Charge on personal property and improvements to real property located within the District; and,

WHEREAS, the District has heretofore received voter approval to so establish and impose a Benefit Charge, which was approved by the voters in 1990 for six years, and re-authorized by the voters in 1995, 2001, 2007, and 2013; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Fire Commissioners of the District has determined that the regular property tax levy and other income for 2019 and subsequent years will not be sufficient to cover the operating costs of the District, in order to maintain a satisfactory level of service by the District to its citizens and residents; and,

WHEREAS, the District’s level of service provided for fire and emergency medical services will actually have to be reduced unless the Benefit Charge is continued; and,

WHEREAS, the Benefit Charge will be reasonably proportioned to the measurable benefits that each property receives from the services by the District.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS OF THE DISTRICT, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Benefit Charge. It is the declared intent of the District to continue the previously voter-authorized benefit charge on personal property and improvements to real property located within the District service area, to be paid by the owners of such property.

Section 2. Amount of Benefit Charge. The amount of the benefit charge for each year shall be set in the year preceding imposition of the charge, after a public hearing to review the amount of the benefit charge for the subsequent year, pursuant to RCW 52.18.060.

Section 3. **Effective Date.** The continued benefit charge would be fixed and imposed on the affected property, effective January 1, 2020, if re-authorized by the voters.

Section 4. **Notice of the Benefit Charge.** Pursuant to RCW 52.18.060, property owners will be notified in writing of the benefit charge and the amounts thereof, subsequent to the public hearing referred to in Section 2 above, and prior to the formation or convening of a benefit charge review board by the District. Such review board shall be convened and available for a two-week period, to hear and decide written complaints from aggrieved property owners who, in their opinion, have been charged improperly.

Section 5. **Election.** Pursuant to RCW 52.18.050 (3)(a), there shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the District for their approval or rejection, at the special election of April 23, 2019, the question whether to continue the voter-authorized benefit charge for fire protection district purposes authorized by law. District Fire Commissioner Charlotte Ryan is authorized and directed to request the Auditor of King County to call said election, the ballot title for which is to be substantially as prescribed by RCW 52.18.050 (3)(b).

BALLOT TITLE

PROPOSITION NO. 1

KING COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 40

Shall King County Fire Protection District No. 40 be authorized to continue voter-authorized benefit charges each year for six consecutive years, not to exceed an amount equal to sixty percent of its operating budget, and be prohibited from imposing an additional property tax under RCW 52.16.160?

_____ **YES**

_____ **NO**

APPROVED by the Board of Commissioners of King County Fire Protection District No. 40 in an open public meeting on the 14th day of February, 2019.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



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