

**MOUNTAIN VIEW FIRE AND RESCUE
RESOLUTION 20-535
(MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS LEVY RCW 84.52.130)**

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A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF MOUNTAIN VIEW FIRE AND RESCUE, PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE DISTRICT AT THE PRIMARY ELECTION TO BE HELD WITHIN THE DISTRICT ON AUGUST 4, 2020, 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 \$965,000.00 PER YEAR FOR FOUR CONSECUTIVE YEARS BEGINNING IN 2020 WHICH IS APPROXIMATELY \$.30 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. The District faces ongoing capital equipment costs that cannot be funded out of the District's regular property tax levies while maintaining current level of services. Using excess levy proceeds to pay for these costs without incurring debt, interest and associated bond costs also avoids the costs reduces the long term impact on taxpayers. The excess levy shall be in the amount of \$965,000.00 per year for four consecutive years beginning in 2020 for collection in 2021 concluding with the 2024 levy to be collected in 2025. The District's prior excess levy expired in 2017.

Resolution: NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Mountain View Fire and Rescue, 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. With the increasing cost of capital equipment needed for firefighter safety and efficient District operations, 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 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 2020 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 \$965,000.00 per year which is approximately \$.30 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 the general election on August 4, 2020 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
Mountain View Fire and Rescue
Levy of General Tax
for Maintenance and Operations

The Board of Mountain View Fire and Rescue adopted Resolution No. 20-535 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 \$965,000.00 per year for four consecutive years beginning in 2020 to be collected in each year following at an approximate levy rate of \$.30 per thousand of assessed valuation (the actual rate will be based on assessed values).

Should this proposition be approved?

YES . . .

NO . . .

Section 4. Pursuant to Article VII, Section 2(a) of the Washington State Constitution, the ballot measure shall require approval of 60% percent of the voters if total number of voters voting exceeds 40% of the voters voting at the preceding general election. If the total number of voters voting do not exceed 40% of the total number of voters voting at the preceding general election, then the number of voters voting "yes" on the proposition must also constitute 60% of a number equal to 40% of the total number of voters voting in the District at the last preceding general election.

Section 5. The 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 6. For purposes of receiving notice of any matters related to the ballot title, as provided in RCW 29A.36.080, the Board hereby designates the Fire Chief or designee as the individual to whom the County Auditors shall provide such notice.

Section 7. The 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

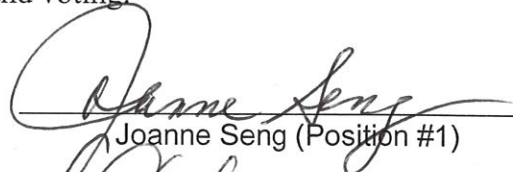
Section 8. The Chief, or designee, is hereby authorized and directed, no later than May 8, 2020, to provide to the County Auditors a certified copy of this resolution and the proper District officials are authorized to perform such other duties or take such other actions as are necessary or required by law to the end that the proposition described in this resolution appear on the ballot before the voters at the August 4, 2020 election.

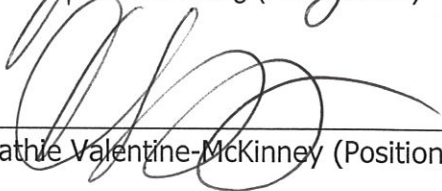
Section 9. If any section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this resolution is declared unconstitutional or invalid for any reason, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this resolution.


Section 10. Any act consistent with the authority and prior to the effective date of this resolution is hereby ratified and affirmed.

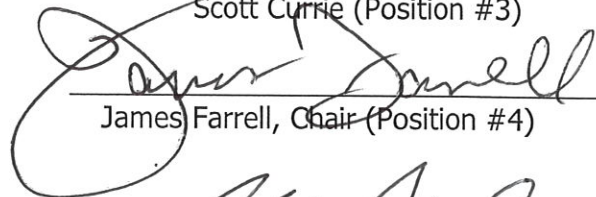
Section 11. This resolution shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage.

Adoption: ADOPTED by the Board of Commissioners of Mountain View Fire and Rescue, King County, Washington, at an open public meeting of such Board on the 24th day of March, 2020, the following commissioners being present and voting:

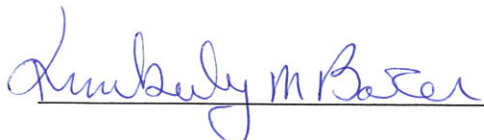

Joanne Seng (Position #1)


Cathie Valentine-McKinney (Position #2)


Scott Currie (Position #3)


James Farrell, Chair (Position #4)


Don Gentry (Position #5)



Kim Baker, District Secretary