

EAST PIERCE FIRE & RESCUE

Resolution # 949

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF EAST PIERCE FIRE & RESCUE PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE DISTRICT AT THE NOVEMBER 2021 GENERAL ELECTION OF A PROPOSITION AUTHORIZING THE DISTRICT TO CONTINUE TO LEVY TAXES FOR TEN CONSECUTIVE YEARS, AS AUTHORIZED IN RCW 84.52.069(2), TO PROVIDE FUNDS FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES, SAID LEVY TO BE SET AT A RATE OF UP TO \$0.50 PER \$1000 ASSESSED VALUATION, TO BE COLLECTED FOR TEN YEARS COMMENCING IN 2022; SETTING FORTH THE BALLOT TITLE; AND DIRECTING THAT THE PIERCE COUNTY AUDITOR BE PROVIDED A CERTIFIED COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION.

WHEREAS, in RCW 84.52.069, the Washington State Legislature authorized fire districts to impose a property tax of up to \$.50 per One Thousand Dollars of assessed valuation to provide emergency medical care and emergency medical services in each year for ten consecutive years; and

WHEREAS, the voters of the East Pierce Fire & Rescue approved in 2009 a six-year EMS levy, which was renewed in 2015 for six more years; and

WHEREAS, the Board of East Pierce Fire & Rescue desires to ask the voters to provide a “subsequent approval” as set forth in RCW 84.52.069 (2), by a majority vote of the electorate, of the EMS levy at the same maximum rate for an additional ten consecutive (10) years; and

WHEREAS, East Pierce Fire & Rescue provides basic and advanced life support emergency medical services that includes paramedic response; and

WHEREAS, assuring a constant source of funds to provide such emergency medical care and services will ensure continuous provision of emergency medical care and services and thus be in the best interest of the public health, safety, and general welfare; and

WHEREAS, the level of funding needed to adequately provide emergency medical care and services to the citizens residing within the East Pierce Fire & Rescue response area for each year during the period commencing in 2022 and ending in 2031 cannot be precisely determined due to changing economic needs and demands; and

WHEREAS, If Proposition 1 passes in the Primary Election, this Resolution (949) shall be withdrawn.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Pierce County Auditor is hereby requested to include in the general election in the manner provided by law to be held on November 2, 2021, in conjunction with the general election to be held on the same day, for the purpose of submitting to the qualified electors of the taxing district, a proposition to authorize an EMS property tax levy at the rate of up to \$0.50 per One Thousand Dollars of assessed valuation, for collection in 2022, and to be collected in each of the

years 2022-2031, the dollar amount of said subsequent levies to be determined by the amount of funds needed to adequately provide for emergency medical care and services, as limited by applicable statutes, and not to exceed \$0.50 per One Thousand Dollars of assessed valuation, the proceeds thereof to be used to pay for the costs of providing advanced life support medical care and emergency medical services, including related personnel costs, training such personnel, and related equipment, supplies, and vehicles needed for the provision of emergency medical care and services.

Proposition No. 1

East Pierce Fire & Rescue
Emergency Medical Services Regular Property Tax Levy

Will East Pierce Fire & Rescue be authorized to impose regular property tax levies of \$0.50 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation for each of ten (10) years?

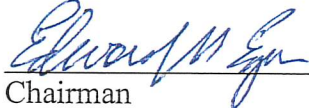
Yes.....

No.....

FURTHER RESOLVED that the District Secretary shall provide the Pierce County Auditor with a certified copy of this resolution upon its adoption.


ADOPTED IN OPEN SESSION, this 20th day of July 2021.

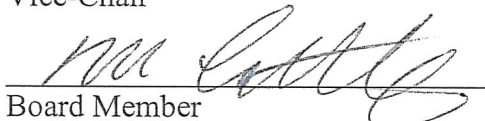
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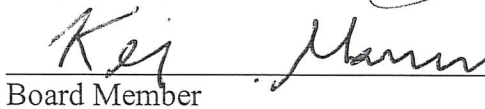

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ATTEST:

Michelle Hollon

Board Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Joseph F. Quinn, District Attorney