

**PUBLIC HOSPITAL DISTRICT NO. 4
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON
RESOLUTION NO. 690-0123**

A RESOLUTION of the Commission of Public Hospital District No. 4, King County, Washington, relating to regular property taxes; providing for the submission to the qualified electors of the District at a special election to be held on April 25, 2023, of a proposition authorizing the District to levy regular property taxes in excess of the limitations imposed by chapter 84.55 RCW; setting forth the text of the ballot proposition; directing proper District officials to take necessary actions; and providing for other properly related matters.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSION OF PUBLIC HOSPITAL DISTRICT NO. 4, KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON, as follows:

Section 1. Findings. The Commission (the "Commission") of Public Hospital District No. 4, King County, Washington (the "District"), hereby makes the following findings and determinations:

(a) Under the provisions of RCW 70.44.060, public hospital districts are authorized to levy regular property taxes at a rate of up to 75 cents per \$1,000 of assessed value for purposes of operating, maintaining and expanding the hospital and health care facilities and services of the public hospital district.

(b) RCW 84.55.010 and RCW 84.55.092 provide that the levy for a taxing district in any year shall be set so that the regular property taxes payable in the following year shall not exceed the "limit factor" multiplied by the amount of regular property taxes lawfully levied for such district in the highest of the three most recent years in which such taxes were levied for such district, or the highest amount that could have been levied in any year since 1985, plus an additional dollar amount calculated by multiplying the increase in assessed value in that district resulting from (i) new construction, (ii) Increases in assessed value due to construction of wind turbine, solar, biomass, and geothermal facilities, (iii) improvements to property, and (iv) any increase in the assessed value of state-assessed property by the regular property tax levy rate of that district for the preceding year.

(c) RCW 84.55.005 provides that the limit factor for taxing districts with a population equal to or greater than 10,000 is the lesser of 101% or one hundred percent plus inflation unless an increase greater than this limit is approved by the voters of the district at an election provided by RCW 84.55.050.

(d) The Commission has determined that it is necessary and in the best interest of the residents of the District to request approval for an increase in its regular property tax levy to provide funds to support the delivery of health care services to the District's residents and other persons served by the District, including primary care services,

specialty care services, urgent care services, emergency medical services, rehabilitation services, and other health care services and facilities.

(e) The Commission has determined that it is essential and necessary for the public health, safety, and welfare that its regular property tax levy be increased from its current level of approximately \$ \$0.25 per \$1,000 of assessed value to \$0.70 per \$1000 of assessed value beginning in 2024.

Section 2. Calling of Election. The Commission finds that it is in the best interests of the District to submit to the qualified voters of the District, at a special election on April 25, 2023, a proposition authorizing the District to increase its regular property tax levy and levy regular property taxes in 2023 for collection in 2024 by an amount greater than otherwise permitted under chapter 84.55 RCW and to use the dollar amount of such levy in 2024 for the purpose of computing limitations for the District's levies in subsequent years. If this proposition is approved, the Commission will be authorized to adopt, in accordance with its regular budget process, an increased regular property tax as described in Section 3.

Section 3. Description of Ballot Proposition. The Commission seeks voter approval under RCW 84.55.050(1) for a levy lid lift, as follows:

(a) Maximum Levy Rate Authorized for Levy in 2023 and Collection in 2024. The proposition would authorize a maximum total regular levy rate of \$0.70 per \$1,000 of assessed value for levy in 2023 and collection in 2024.

(b) Increase Authorized in Future Years. The proposition would authorize the dollar amount of the maximum allowable levy under chapter 84.55 RCW levied in 2023 for collection in 2024 to be used for the purpose of computing the limitations on levies in subsequent years under chapter 84.55 RCW.

Section 4. Ballot Proposition. Pursuant to RCW 29A.36.071, the King County Prosecuting Attorney is requested to prepare the concise description of the aforesaid proposition in the form of a ballot title in substantially the following form:

PUBLIC HOSPITAL DISTRICT NO. 4
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON
PROPOSITION NO. 1

LEVY LID LIFT FOR HEALTH CARE SERVICES

The Commission of Public Hospital District No. 4, King County, Washington (Snoqualmie Valley Hospital) adopted Resolution No. 690-0123 concerning an increase in the district's regular property tax levy. If approved, this proposition would provide additional funds for primary care services, specialty care services, urgent care services, emergency medical services, rehabilitation services, and other health care services and facilities. It authorizes a maximum regular property levy rate for collection in 2024 of \$0.70/\$1,000 assessed value. The 2024 levy amount will be used for the purpose of computing the limitations for levies in subsequent years. Should this proposition be:

APPROVED.....

REJECTED

Section 5. Filing with Auditor. The Secretary of the Commission of the District, or his or her designee, is authorized and directed (a) to present a certified copy of this resolution to the King County Elections office, Washington, on or before February 24, 2023, and (b) to perform such other duties as are necessary or required by law to submit to the District’s voters at the aforesaid election, for their approval or rejection, the proposition of whether or not the District should increase the levy rate as herein provided.

Section 6. Severability. If any provision of this resolution shall be declared by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, then such provision shall be null and void and shall be separable from the remaining provisions of this resolution and shall in no way affect the validity of the other provisions of this resolution, or of the levy or collection of the taxes.

Section 7. Notices. For purposes of receiving notice of the exact language of the ballot title required by RCW 29A.36.080, the Commission hereby designates: (a) Renee Jensen, District Superintendent (425-831-2300; reneej@snoqualmiehospital.org), and (b) legal counsel, Foster Garvey PC (Brad Berg, 206-447-8970, brad.berg@foster.com), as the individuals to whom such notice should be provided. The Superintendent of the District and President of the Commission are each authorized individually to approve changes to the ballot title, if any, deemed necessary by the King County Elections office or the King County Prosecuting Attorney.

Section 8. Effective Date. This resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

ADOPTED and APPROVED by the Commission of Public Hospital District No. 4, King County, Washington, at a regular open public meeting thereof of which due notice was given as provided by law this 26th day of January, 2023, the following Commissioners being present and voting.



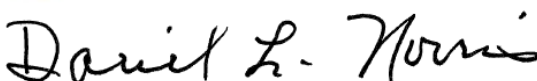
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