



KING COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT #40
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Resolution No. 577

A Resolution of the Board of Fire Commissioners of King County Fire Protection District No 40 (“District”) providing for the submission to the qualified electors of the District an election to be held within the District on August 1, 2023, in conjunction with the primary election to be held on the same date, of a proposition restoring the District’s property tax levy rate to \$1.00 per \$1,000.00 of true and assessed valuation and establishing a limit factor based on the consumer price index subject to otherwise applicable statutory limitation for the following fire years.

1. WHEREAS, it is the judgment of the Board of Fire 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 be provided by the District.

2. WHEREAS, the 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 the District’s regular tax revenue levied at the current rate of approximately \$0.676 per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation of taxable property within the District as limited by the 101% limitation.

3. WHEREAS, the District experiences annual cost increases affecting its operations that reflect standard inflationary indices and that consistently exceed the statutory 101% limitation on tax levy increases.

4. WHEREAS, the District believes that adopting a growth factor for years 2-6 of the levy lid lift period based on the greater of 1% or the annual CPI-W for Seattle-Tacoma-Bellevue as reported in June as such CPI index is a method used by neighboring fire departments.

5. WHEREAS, The District previously levied its regular property tax at the rate of \$1.00 per thousand of assessed valuation of taxable property.

6. WHEREAS, the Board has determined that it is in the best interest of the District that the dollar amount of the levy in the sixth year of the 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.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Fire Commissioners of King County Fire Protection District No. 40, 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 the District, it is necessary for the

District 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 the District 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 2023 and collect beginning in 2024, pursuant to RCW 52.16.160, a general tax on taxable property within the District at a rate of \$1.00 per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation subject to otherwise applicable statutory limits.

Section 3. In order to provide the revenue adequate to pay the costs of providing adequate life protection services and facilities as described in Section 1 and to maintain reserve funds sufficient to assure the continuation of such services beyond 2024, the District has determined that the limit factor for the five succeeding years shall be the greater of the statutorily authorized one percent or the CPI-W for Seattle-Tacoma-Bellevue for the period of June to June as reported in the levy year. Such percentage shall be used to determine the actual levy rate, subject to the maximum statutory rate of \$1.00 per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation, in 2024-2029. The funds raised under this levy shall not supplant existing funds used for the purposes described in Section 1.

Section 4. The amount levied in 2029 shall serve as the District's tax levy base for purposes of applying the limit factor established by RCW 84.55.010 in subsequent years.

Section 5. There shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the District for their ratification or rejection, at an election on August 1, 2023, the question of whether or not the regular property tax levy of the District should be restored to \$1.00 per \$1,000.00 of true and assessed valuation and be adjusted by the greater of the

statutorily authorized one percent or the CPI-W for Seattle-Tacoma-Bellevue for the period of June to June as reported in the levy year for the following five years, 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: King County Fire Protection District No. 40

Proposition #: Proposition No. 1

Short Title: Property Tax Levy for Fire Protection and Emergency Medical Services.

Ballot Title: The Board of King County Fire Protection District No. 40 adopted Resolution No. 577 concerning a proposition to maintain and adequately fund District operations.

This proposition authorizes the District to restore its regular property tax levy to \$1.00 per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation to be levied in 2023 and authorizes annual adjustments by the greater of 1% or the annual CPI-W for Seattle-Tacoma-Bellevue as reported in June of the levy year for each of the five succeeding years. The dollar amount of the levy in 2029 shall serve as the base for subsequent levy limitations as provided by Chapter 84.55 RCW.

Should this proposition be: " Approved " " Rejected "

Section 6. In accordance with RCW 84.55.050(1), the ballot measure shall require approval of a simple majority of voters.

Section 7. The Board hereby assigns to the District Secretary 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 8. 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 District and legal counsel as the individuals to whom the County Auditor shall provide such notice.

Section 9. The District Secretary 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 10. The District Secretary is hereby authorized and directed, no later than May 12, 2023, 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 August 1, 2023 election.

Section 11. 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 12. Any act consistent with the authority and prior to the effective date of this resolution is hereby ratified and affirmed.

Section 13. This resolution shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage.

Adoption: ADOPTED by the Board of Fire Commissioners of King County Fire Protection District No. 40 at an open public meeting of such Board on the 13th day of A 2023, the following Board Members being present and voting:

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COMMISSIONER STEVE PARSONS



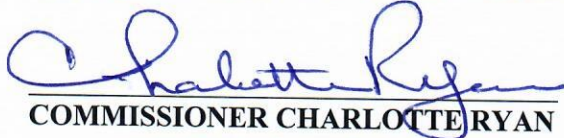
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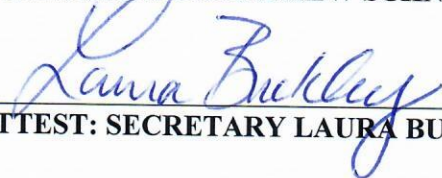
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ATTEST: SECRETARY LAURA BUCKLEY