



Pierce County Fire District 21

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RESOLUTION NO. 891

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF PIERCE COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 21, PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE DISTRICT AT A SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD WITHIN THE DISTRICT ON FEBRUARY 13, 2018, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE COUNTY SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON THE SAME DATE, 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 \$17,200,000 (BASED ON AN ASSESSMENT RATIO OF 100% OF TRUE AND FAIR MARKET VALUE) TO PROVIDE FUNDS REQUIRED BY THE DISTRICT TO MAINTAIN OPERATIONAL CAPABILITIES AND FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION EXPENDITURES ESSENTIAL FOR BASIC FIRE AND LIFE PROTECTION NEEDS.

WHEREAS: Graham Fire & Rescue has reviewed the financial, fleet, facility, staffing and response requirements of the District and has determined a Maintenance and Operations levy is needed to sustain current operations and to increase staffing to meet the increased demand for service due to rapidly growing population and a correlating increase in incident response demands, and

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, life and property of the residents of the District that the fire and emergency medical services enumerated in this resolution be provided by the District. Such services will necessitate the expenditure of revenues for maintenance, operations and equipment in excess of those which can be provided by the District's regular tax levy for collection beginning in 2019 and ending in 2022, such excess being not less than \$17,200,000.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS FOR PIERCE COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 21 THAT:

Section 1. The District does not obtain sufficient revenue from its regular property tax levy to provide fire and emergency medical services at the level that it currently provides. The purpose of this special levy would be to provide sufficient funds to deliver an adequate level of service to meet the current service demand, during 2019 through 2022. The funds obtained through the excess levy will be used to pay regular maintenance and operation costs and to provide an adequate level of emergency services

Section 2. In order to produce revenue sufficient to pay the costs of providing adequate fire protection and emergency medical services 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 the total sum of \$17,200,000 between the years 2019 through 2022 and collect said sum by a general tax on taxable property within the District, in excess of the regular levy by collecting \$4,300,000 per year in 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022, for the purpose of maintenance and operations of fire department services

Section 3. The expected tax rates for year one is approximately \$0.60 cents, in year two approximately \$0.56 cents, in year three approximately 0.54 cents, and in year four approximately \$0.51 cents per \$1,000 of assessed valuation (based on an assessment ratio of 100% of true and fair market value), to be collected in 2019 through 2022 to provide funds required by the District to maintain operational capabilities, and for maintenance and operations expenditures essential for basic fire and life protection needs

Section 4. There shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the District for their ratification or rejection, at a special election on February 13, 2018, in conjunction with the county special election to be held on the same date, 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 that the Auditor of Pierce 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 1

GRAHAM FIRE & RESCUE
(Pierce County Fire Protection District No. 21)
Reauthorizing Property Tax Levy
For Maintenance and Operation Expenses

The Board of Fire Commissioners of Pierce County Fire Protection District No. 21 adopted Resolution No. 891 concerning a proposition to reauthorize an excess property tax levy to finance maintenance and operation expenses. This proposition, if approved, will reauthorize the District to levy, without regard to the dollar rate and percentage limitations imposed by Ch. 84.52 RCW, a property tax upon all taxable property within the District as follows:

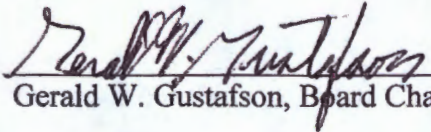
<u>Levy Year</u>	<u>Collection Year</u>	<u>Approximate Rate per \$1,000 of Assessed Value</u>	<u>Levy Amount</u>
2018	2019	\$0.60	\$ 4,300,000
2019	2020	\$0.56	\$ 4,300,000
2020	2021	\$0.54	\$ 4,300,000
2021	2022	\$0.51	\$ 4,300,000


to be used for maintenance and operations and to maintain the current level of fire services and emergency medical services as provided in Resolution No. 891. Should this proposition be approved?

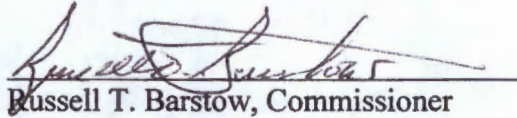
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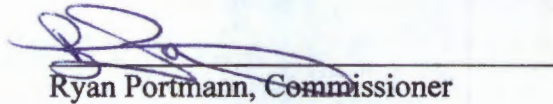
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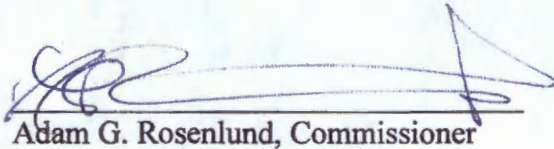
MOVED AND PASSED AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS FOR PIERCE COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 21 ON DECEMBER 11, 2017, OF WHICH ALL COMMISSIONERS WERE NOTIFIED AND THE FOLLOWING WERE PRESENT AND VOTING:


Gerald W. Gustafson, Board Chairman

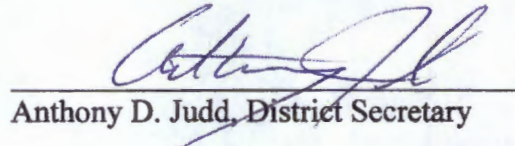

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ATTEST:


Anthony D. Judd, District Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Joseph Quinn, District Attorney