



James E. Shields, Fire Chief, Kitsap County Fire District 18

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KITSAP COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 18

RESOLUTION NO. 07-05

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF
KITSAP COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT NO. 18
AUTHORIZING A LID LIFT REQUEST TO VOTERS**

Purpose: Resolution authorizing **KITSAP COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 18** (hereinafter referred to as "District") to submit to the qualified electors of the District, its request for authorization to raise the regular property tax levy up to \$1.29 per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation.

Recitals:

The primary mission of the District is to provide timely, professional, and quality fire protection and emergency medical services to the public it serves. The primary source of District revenues is derived from property taxes.

Each year, Initiative 747 caps the property tax revenues the District may receive to one percent (1%) over the prior year's income, plus new construction. Because of this cap, and because of the increasing demands placed upon the District by the ever increasing population it serves, it will not be possible for the District to maintain the same level of service it provided in the past to its citizens or to properly maintain its equipment and facilities, or follow an effective replacement schedule for its fleet of emergency vehicles.

Previously, in an effort to meet the one percent (1%) tax increase limitations imposed by Initiative 747, the District has found it necessary to spend down its cash reserves and pursue alternative funding sources. With the increasing demands placed upon it, however, the District has determined that it must: properly maintain its equipment and facilities; replace its emergency vehicle fleet on a rotational schedule; hire additional emergency response personnel; and properly support its fire safety programs. It is unable to accomplish these crucial tasks with the property tax limitations currently imposed upon it.

Each year the District's volume of calls it responds to increases. The District protects approximately 25,000 residents with a 54 square mile region. Last year, it responded to 3,816 emergency medical and fire calls. This call volume represents a sixteen percent (16%) increase (according to CenCom activity reports) over the previous year's call volume, the largest in Kitsap County.

To maintain an acceptable level of service, the District seeks to establish its levy rate at \$1.29 per thousand dollars of assessed value of real property, which rate is below the rate last approved by District voters in 1987 when they approved a rate of \$1.50 per thousand dollars of assessed value. Since 1987, the District's levy rate has been declining. Presently the District's levy rate is \$0.88 per assessed value of real property. It seeks to place this measure on the May 15, 2007 ballot, with tax collection at the rate commencing in 2008.

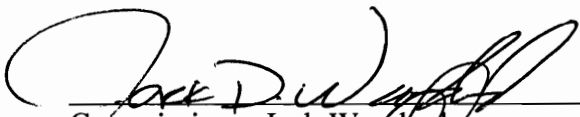
Now, therefore, based upon the foregoing recitals, it is hereby

RESOLVED as follows:

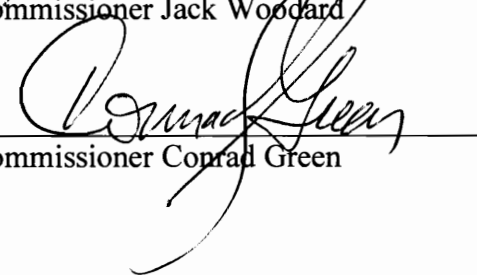
1. **Submittal of Ballot Proposal.** The District shall submit a ballot proposition to the qualified voters within its District at the May 15, 2007 election whereby it will seek voter approval to increase its levy rate to \$1.29 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation; and
2. **Direction to County Auditor.** The District hereby requests the Kitsap County Auditor, as the supervisor of elections within Kitsap County, to submit the District's proposed ballot proposition as set forth on the attached "**EXHIBIT A**", to the qualified voters within the District, for consideration at the May 15, 2007 election.

Adopted this 14th day of March, 2007 at a regularly scheduled meeting of the KCFD #18 Board of Commissioners.


APPROVED:



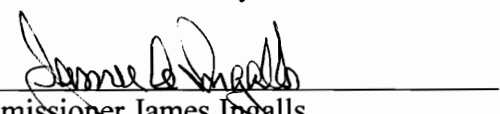
Commissioner Jack Woodard



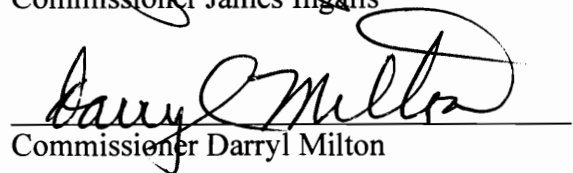
Commissioner Conrad Green



Commissioner David Ellingson

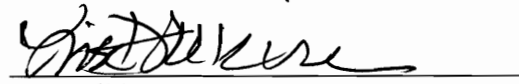


Commissioner James Ingalls



Commissioner Darryl Milton

ATTEST:



Lise Alkire
Secretary to the Board of Fire Commissioners
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