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**CENTRAL PIERCE FIRE & RESCUE
PIERCE COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NUMBER SIX**

RESOLUTION NO. 16-03

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS OF PIERCE COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 6, PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE FIRE DISTRICT, AT AN ELECTION TO BE HELD WITHIN THE FIRE DISTRICT ON AUGUST 2, 2016, OF A PROPOSITION RE-AUTHORIZING A LEVY OF A REGULAR PROPERTY TAX IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED FIFTY CENTS (50¢) PER THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,000.00) OF THE TRUE AND ASSESSED VALUATION, AS AUTHORIZED IN RCW 84.52.069, EACH YEAR FOR SIX CONSECUTIVE YEARS, TO BE LEVIED IN 2016, AND TO BE COLLECTED FIRST IN 2017 AND EACH YEAR OF THE FIVE SUCCEEDING YEARS. SAID LEVY SHALL PROVIDE FUNDS REQUIRED BY THE FIRE DISTRICT FOR THE CONTINUED PROVISION OF BASIC AND ADVANCED EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES, INCLUDING PERSONNEL COSTS, TRAINING FOR SUCH PERSONNEL, AND RELATED EQUIPMENT, SUPPLIES AND VEHICLES.

WHEREAS: Fire Protection District No. 6 has heretofore received approval by qualified electors of an EMS levy as a regular property tax in an amount equal to \$0.50 per thousand dollars of assessed value of property to be used only for the provision of emergency medical services, including personnel costs, training for such personnel and related equipment, supplies, vehicles and structures needed for such services, for a six year period; and

WHEREAS: cardiovascular disease is the leading cause of death in the nation, in Pierce County and in the Fire District; and

WHEREAS: the delivery of paramedic services in Pierce County has greatly enhanced the survival rate of victims of cardiac arrest and the initiation of cardiopulmonary resuscitation by bystanders or emergency medical technicians has doubled hospital discharge rates; and

WHEREAS: it is the judgment of the Board of Commissioners of Pierce County Fire District No. 6 that it is essential and necessary for the protection of the health and life of the residents of the Fire District to continue providing 24-hour advanced life support (paramedic) staffing within the district. Such services necessitate the expenditure of revenues for maintenance, operations, equipment and personnel in excess of those moneys provided by the District's regular tax levy, for collection over the next six years beginning in 2017; and

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WHEREAS: the uninterrupted continuation of a six-year levy, as in this case, must be specifically authorized by a majority of the registered voters of the District authorizing the levies at a general or special election with no "validation" requirement;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS FOR PIERCE COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 6 AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. To continue to meet the need for high quality emergency medical services, including advanced life support (paramedic) services, and to meet the emergency medical needs arising from accelerated growth within the community, to satisfy personnel and equipment needs, to raise revenues adequate to pay costs attributable to providing adequate emergency medical services, and to maintain reserve funds, the Fire District shall levy in 2016, for collection each year for six consecutive years beginning in 2017, a general tax on taxable property in the District in an amount of up to \$0.50 per \$1,000 of true and fair assessed valuation of property within the District.

Section 2. Pursuant to the authorization in RCW 84.52.069, as amended, this levy is a regular property tax levy unaffected by the \$5.90 limitation imposed by RCW 84.52.043 and is not subject to the limitation of RCW 84.55.010 for the first levy imposed, pursuant to RCW 84.52.069(9), but is subject thereto for the remaining five levies.

Section 3. This six-year levy must be approved by a simple majority of the registered voters of the Fire District approving the proposition authorizing the levies, without the need for "validation", because this re-authorization represents the uninterrupted continuation of a previously voter-approved EMS levy, pursuant to RCW 84.52.069(2).

Section 4. There shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the Fire District for their ratification or rejection, at an election on August 2, 2016, the proposition hereinafter set forth. The Board of Commissioners of Fire Protection District No. 6 does hereby declare that the auditor of Pierce County, as ex officio Supervisor of Elections, is hereby requested to call said election and to submit the following proposition at said election in the form of a ballot title substantially as follows:

PROPOSITION ONE

**CENTRAL PIERCE FIRE & RESCUE
(PIERCE COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 6)
RE-AUTHORIZING EMS LEVY**

Will Pierce County Fire Protection District No. 6 be re-authorized to impose regular property tax levies of fifty cents (50¢) or less per thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) of assessed valuation for each of six consecutive years to continue providing basic and advanced (paramedic) emergency medical services?

yes

no

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Resolution No. 16-03 is hereby adopted by motion of the Board of Fire Commissioners of Pierce County Fire Protection District No. 6, Pierce County, Washington at a regular open public meeting of such Board on the 25th day of April, 2016. All Fire Commissioners were notified and 5 were present and voting:

PIERCE COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 6

Bob Willis
Chairman

Larry Webb
Commissioner

Bill Eckert
Commissioner

Rich Coleman
Commissioner

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Commissioner

ATTEST:

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District Secretary

Approved as to form:

Joseph Quinn
District Attorney