

Gig Harbor Fire & Medic One

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RESOLUTION 2017-18 November 28, 2017

Pierce County Council

WHEREAS, the Board of Fire Commissioners has met and considered its budget for the calendar year 2018; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Fire Commissioners held a public hearing pursuant to RCW 84.55.120 regarding revenue sources and any potential tax increases on October 24, 2017 and,

WHEREAS, the district's actual levy amount from the previous year was \$ 13,633,584.59; and

WHEREAS, the population of this district is more than 10,000 and,

WHEREAS, the registered voters of the district did, at the November 2017 general election approve a "multi-year lid lift", re-establishing the tax rate of \$1.50 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation, and establishing a limit factor of 6% applicable to tax increases, if any, for the five succeeding years; and

WHEREAS, the Board of commissioners wishes to levy the highest lawful levy as allowed by statute and the aforesaid voter approval;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED:

- 1. An increase in regular property tax levy is hereby authorized for the levy to be collected in 2018 tax year.
- 2, The regular property tax allowed by RCW 52.16 for Pierce County Fire District #5 shall be levied at the rate of \$1.50 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation as authorized by voter approval of Proposition One on November 7, 2017. The requested levy amount, as shown on the District #5 levy certification, shall be \$15,742,268.53 for 2018 collection.
- 3. Pursuant to RCW 84.52.125 it is the intent of the fire district commissioners to protect the district's tax levy from prorationing under RCW 84.52.010(2), by imposing up to a total of twenty-five cents (\$0.25) per thousand dollars of assessed valuation of the tax levies authorized under RCW 852.16.140 and RCW 52.16.160, or either of them, outside of the five dollars and ninety cents per thousand dollars of valuation limitation established under RCW 84.52.043(2), if those taxes would otherwise be prorated under RCW 84.52.010(2)(e).
- 4. Further, pursuant to RCW 84.55.092, it is the intent of the fire district commissioners to protect the fire district's future levy capacity. Therefore, in any year in which the district reduces the regular tax levy below the amount of levy to which the district is entitled by law, consent with existing voter authorizations and the limitations of the state constitution and statutes, it is the district's intent to fully preserve future levy capacity as the aforesaid statute allows. The county assessor is therefore requested to set the regular property tax levy at the amount which would be allowed under RCW 84.55, as if the regular property tax for the district for taxes due in prior years (beginning with 1986) had been set for the full or maximum amount authorized under the law.

Adopted at a regular meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners, Pierce County Fire District No. 5, this 28th day of November, 2017, by a majority of the members.

Attest:

District Secretary

PIERCE COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 5

Chairman

Commissioner

Commissioner

Commissioner

Commissioner