

**CLARK COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT #13
RESOLUTION NO. 2018-03-01**

RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION OF PERMANENT LEVY LID LIFT – PRIMARY ELECTION

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CLARK COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT #13, PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE DISTRICT AT A SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD WITHIN THE DISTRICT ON AUGUST 7, 2018 IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE STATE PRIMARY ELECTION TO BE HELD ON THE SAME DATE, OF A PROPOSITION AUTHORIZING A LEVY OF A PROPERTY TAX NOT TO EXCEED \$1.25 PER \$1,000.00 OF TRUE AND ASSESSED VALUATION AND ESTABLISHING A SIX YEAR LIMIT FACTOR SUBJECT TO OTHERWISE APPLICABLE STATUTORY LIMITATIONS.

Background: 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 and life of the residents of the District that fire and emergency medical services be provided by the District. Such services will necessitate the expenditure of revenues for fire apparatus, equipment and personnel in excess of those which can be provided by the District's regular tax revenue levied at the current rate per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation of taxable property within the District.

WHEREAS, The Board of Commissioners has determined that the application of the one percent limit factor established by RCW 84.55.010 will not allow the District to generate sufficient revenue to provide for the expected cost increases required to replace and maintain emergency equipment maintain or increase the level of services currently provided by the District.

WHEREAS, the funds generated by this levy will allow the District to maintain or increase the level of services and will not supplant existing funds used for the purposes identified in Section 1.

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners has determined that it is in the best interest of the District that the maximum allowable 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 Commissioners of Clark County Fire District 13, Yacolt, Washington as follows:

Section 1. In order to provide fire protection, prevention, and emergency medical services in the District, it is necessary for the District to purchase, operate and maintain emergency fire and medical service apparatus and equipment, and to appropriately utilize this equipment with 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 providing and maintaining adequate life protection services, facilities, and equipment as described in Section 1, to maintain reserve funds sufficient to assure the continuation of such services, and to assure the improvement of such services, the District shall, in accordance with RCW 84.55.050, remove the one percent limitation on regular property taxes imposed by RCW 84.55.010 and levy beginning in 2018, and collect beginning in 2019, pursuant to RCW 52.16.130, RCW 52.16.140 and RCW 52.16.160, a general tax on taxable property within the District at a rate of \$1.25 per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation subject to otherwise applicable statutory limits.

Section 3. The District previously obtained voter approval to establish the levy rate at \$1.25 per thousand of assessed valuation in 2004.

Section 4. In order to provide the revenue adequate to pay the costs of purchasing replacement apparatus and equipment and maintaining and providing the services described in Section 1 and to assure the continuation and improvement of such services beyond 2019, the District has determined that a limit factor of 106% shall be used to determine the actual levy rate, subject to the levy rate of \$1.25 per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation, in 2020 – 2024. The dollar amount levied in 2024 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 a special election on August 7, 2018, in conjunction with the state primary election to be held on the same date, the question of whether or not the regular property tax levy of the District should be restored to \$1.25 per \$1,000.00 of true and assessed valuation in 2018 and be adjusted by 106% for the following five years, subject to otherwise applicable statutory limitations. The Auditor of Clark County, as ex-officio Supervisor of Elections, is hereby requested to call such special election, and to submit the following proposition at such election, in the form of a ballot title substantially as follows:

Clark County Fire District #13
Proposition No. 1
Levy Lid Lift Authorizing Restoration of Previous Property Tax Levy

The Board of Clark County Fire District #13 adopted Resolution No. 2018-03-01 concerning a proposition to maintain and adequately fund District operations.

This proposition authorizes the District to restore its regular property tax levy to \$1.25 per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation in 2018 for collection in 2019 and authorize setting the levy limit factor at 106% (not to exceed the \$1.25 rate) for each of the five succeeding years for the purposes of acquiring emergency equipment, addressing capital needs, and improving operations. The maximum allowable levy in 2023 shall serve as the base for subsequent levy limitations.

Should this proposition be: Approved Rejected

ADOPTED by the Clark County Fire District #13 of Commissioners in Yacolt, Washington, at a regular meeting of said Board on the 13th day of March, 2018 the following Commissioners being present and voting.



Commissioner Erv Beard – Chair



Commissioner Gary Hoyt



Commissioner Lou Ferreira



Attest: District Secretary