



LAKE STEVENS FIRE

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-04

RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION OF EMS LEVY LID LIFT
(General Election)

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF LAKE STEVENS FIRE, PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE DISTRICT AT A SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD WITHIN THE DISTRICT ON NOVEMBER 7, 2017, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE STATE GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON THE SAME DATE, OF A PROPOSITION AUTHORIZING THE DISTRICT TO RESTORE THE DISTRICT'S PERMANENT EMS LEVY TO AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$.50 PER \$1,000.00 OF TRUE AND ASSESSED VALUATION 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 emergency medical services be provided by the District.

WHEREAS, such services will necessitate the expenditure of revenues for emergency medical service operations, equipment and personnel in excess of those which can be provided by the District's EMS tax revenue levied at the current rate per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation of taxable property within the District as limited by the 101% limitation.

WHEREAS, The Board of Commissioners has determined that it is in the best interest of the District that the maximum allowable 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.

Resolution: NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Lake Stevens Fire, Lake Stevens, Washington as follows:

Section 1. In order to provide emergency medical services in the District, it is necessary for the District to operate and maintain emergency medical service vehicles and to maintain station facilities to be staffed by properly trained personnel equipped with proper emergency medical equipment.

Section 2. In order to provide the revenue adequate to pay the costs of providing adequate life protection services and facilities as described in Section 1 and to maintain reserve funds sufficient to assure the continuation of such services, the District shall, in accordance with RCW 84.55.050, remove the limitation on EMS Levy property taxes imposed by RCW 84.55.010, and levy beginning in 2017 and collect beginning in 2018, pursuant to RCW 84.52.069 an EMS Levy on taxable property within the District at a maximum rate of \$.50 per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation subject to otherwise applicable statutory limits.

Section 3. In 1999, the voters within the District previously authorized the District to permanently levy regular property taxes for Emergency Medical Services at the maximum statutory dollar rate of \$.50 per \$1,000 of assessed value. Due to a variety of factors, the District currently levies its regular property tax levy for Emergency Medical Services at a dollar rate of approximately \$.32 per \$1,000 of assessed value. If approved by the voters, the amount levied in 2017 for collection in 2018, 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 4. In accordance with RCW 84.52.069 the funds raised by such levy shall be used only for the provision of emergency medical services, including related personnel costs, service contract costs, training for such personnel, and related equipment, supplies, vehicles and structures needed for the provision of emergency medical services.

Section 5. There shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the District for their ratification or rejection, at a special election on November 7, 2017, in conjunction with the state general election to be held on the same date, the question of whether or not the EMS tax levy of the District should be restored to \$.50 per \$1,000.00 of true and assessed valuation, subject to otherwise applicable statutory limitations. The Board of Commissioners hereby requests the auditor of Snohomish County, as ex-officio Supervisor of Elections, call such election, and to submit the following proposition at such election, in the form of a ballot title substantially as follows:

Name of Jurisdiction: Lake Stevens Fire

Proposition #: Proposition No. 1

Short Title: Lid Lift Restoring EMS Property Tax Levy.

Ballot Title: The Board of Commissioners of Lake Stevens Fire adopted Resolution No. 2017-04 concerning Emergency Medical Services property taxes. This proposition would restore the EMS levy rate to \$.50 per \$1,000 of assessed value in 2017 for collection in 2018 to maintain emergency medical services. The dollar amount of the 2017 levy shall serve as the base for computing subsequent levy limitations as provided by chapter 84.55 RCW. Should this Proposition be approved?

Response: Yes
No

Adoption: ADOPTED by the Board of Commissioners of Lake Stevens Fire, Lake Stevens, WA, at an open public meeting of such Board on the 15th day of June 2017, the following Commissioners being present and voting:

APPROVED:



Jim Steinruck, Chairman



Paul Gagnon, Vice Chair



Troy Elmore, Commissioner

ATTEST:



Laana Larson, District Secretary