

**SPOKANE COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 3
RESOLUTION NO. 17-02
RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION OF LEVY**

(SPECIAL ELECTION)

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF SPOKANE COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 3, PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE DISTRICT AT A SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD WITHIN THE DISTRICT ON APRIL 25, 2017, OF A PROPOSITION AUTHORIZING A LEVY OF A PROPERTY TAX NOT TO EXCEED \$1.50 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 the fire and emergency medical services be provided by the District.

WHEREAS, The Board of Commissioners has determined that the accelerated demands for, and increasing costs of, providing such services will necessitate the expenditure of revenues for station construction, maintenance, operations, equipment and personnel in excess of those which can be provided by the District's regular tax revenue levied at the current rate of approximately \$1.40 per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation of taxable property within the District as limited by the 101% limitation. The District has previously levied at the \$1.50 per thousand rate.

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 Spokane County Fire Protection District No. 3, Spokane County, 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 obtain operate and maintain emergency fire and medical aid vehicles and facilities staffed by properly trained personnel equipped with suitable fire fighting and emergency medical equipment.

Section 2. In order to provide the revenue adequate to pay the costs of maintaining and providing adequate such services and facilities as described in Section 1 and to assure the continuation of such services, the District shall, in accordance with RCW 84.55.050, remove the limitation on regular property taxes imposed by RCW 84.55.010, and levy beginning in 2017 and collect beginning in 2018, 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 \$1.50 per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation subject to otherwise applicable statutory limits.

Section 3. The amount levied in 2017 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. There shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the District for their ratification or rejection, at a special election on April 25, 2017, the question of whether or not the regular

property tax levy of the District should be restored to \$1.50 per \$1,000.00 of true and assessed valuation, subject to otherwise applicable statutory limitations. The Board of Commissioners hereby requests the auditor of Spokane County, as ex-officio Supervisor of Elections to call such special election, and to submit the following proposition at such election, in the form of a ballot title substantially as follows:

Spokane County Fire Protection District No. 3 - Board of Commissioners –
Proposition to Restore Property Tax Levy.

The Spokane County Fire District No. 3 Board of Commissioners adopted Resolution No. 17-2 concerning a proposition to maintain and adequately fund District operations.

This proposition would restore the District’s regular tax levy to a \$1.50 per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation in 2017 for collection in 2018. The funds will maintain and improve fire protection and emergency medical services, replace apparatus, equipment and facilities and provide for firefighter safety. The maximum allowable levy in 2017 shall serve as the base for computing subsequent levy limitations as provided by chapter 84.55 RCW.

Should this proposition be:

- Approved
- Rejected

Adoption: ADOPTED by the Board of Commissioners of Spokane County Fire Protection District No. 3, Spokane County, Washington, at an open public meeting of such Board on the 8th day of February, 2017, the following Commissioners being present and voting:

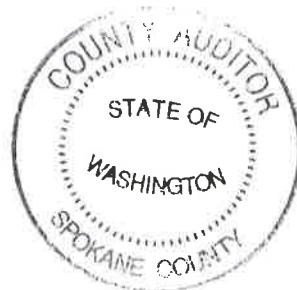
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CERTIFICATE

State of Washington

County of Spokane

I, Debra L. Arnold, do hereby certify that I am the duly elected, qualified and acting Secretary to the Board of Commissioners of Spokane County Fire Protection District No. 3 of Spokane County, Washington; that the above is a true and correct copy of a Resolution passed at a meeting of said Board held on the 8th day of February, 2017.

By: Debra L. Arnold
Debra L. Arnold, Secretary



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