

SPOKANE COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 8

RESOLUTION 18-09

**MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS LEVY RCW 84.52.130
FEBRUARY 12, 2019 SPECIAL ELECTION**

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF SPOKANE COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 8, PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE DISTRICT AT A SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD WITHIN THE DISTRICT ON FEBRUARY 12, 2019, OF A PROPOSITION AUTHORIZING THE LEVY OF A GENERAL TAX ON THE TAXABLE PROPERTY WITHIN THE DISTRICT IN EXCESS OF CONSTITUTIONAL AND STATUTORY LIMITATIONS IN THE SUM OF \$1,631,459.00 IN 2019, \$1,719,217.00 IN 2020, \$1,810,486.00 IN 2021 AND \$1,905,405.00 IN 2022 WHICH IS APPROXIMATELY \$.50 Per \$1,000.00 of TRUE AND ASSESSED VALUATION, TO BE COLLECTED IN EACH SUCCEEDING YEAR TO PROVIDE FUNDS REQUIRED BY THE DISTRICT TO MAINTAIN AND IMPROVE THE LEVEL OF SERVICE IN THE DISTRICT.

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 enumerated in this resolution be provided by the District. Such services will necessitate the expenditure of revenues for maintenance and operations in excess of those that can be provided by the District's regular tax levy. The excess levy shall be in the following amounts:

\$1,631,459.00 in 2019 for collection in 2020 (estimated levy rate of \$.50 per \$1,000).
\$1,719,217.00 in 2020 for collection in 2021 (estimated levy rate of \$.50 per \$1,000).
\$1,810,486.00 in 2021 for collection in 2022 (estimated levy rate of \$.50 per \$1,000).
\$1,905,405.00 in 2022 for collection in 2023 (estimated levy rate of \$.50 per \$1,000).

Resolution: NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Spokane County Fire Protection District No. 8, Spokane County, Washington as follows:

Section 1. The cost of operating a fire department that provides fire prevention, fire protection and emergency medical services has increased because of the specialized equipment, personnel training and supplies now required by state and federal regulations. The District is not able to sustain service levels provided within the limitations of the District's regular tax levy. The District cannot maintain or improve its existing level of services without additional revenue. The excess levy will permit the District to maintain current levels of service by having firefighter/medics staffing each station with a least one firefighter paramedic and by providing additional training in advanced life saving techniques. The excess levy will also provide the funding necessary to insure that a sufficient number of firefighters arrive on scene within the initial minutes of an emergency to allow more immediate action without having to wait for additional firefighter/medics to arrive.

Section 2. In order to provide revenue adequate to pay the costs of salaries, equipment and facilities necessary to maintain and improve the District's level of service as described in Section 1 of this Resolution and to maintain reserve funds sufficient to assure the continuation of such services, the District shall, levy in 2019 and each succeeding year for a period of four years and

collect in the year following the levy, a general tax on taxable property within the District, in excess of the regular levy for maintenance and operation costs, in the following amounts:

- \$1,631,459.00 in 2019 for collection in 2020 (estimated levy rate of \$.50 per \$1,000).
- \$1,719,217.00 in 2020 for collection in 2021 (estimated levy rate of \$.50 per \$1,000).
- \$1,810,486.00 in 2021 for collection in 2022 (estimated levy rate of \$.50 per \$1,000).
- \$1,905,405.00 in 2022 for collection in 2023 (estimated levy rate of \$.50 per \$1,000).

Section 3. There shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the District for their approval or rejection, at a special election on February 12, 2019, the question of whether or not such levy for maintenance and operations, in excess of the constitutional and statutory limits, shall be made. The Board of Commissioners hereby requests the Auditor of Spokane 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:

PROPOSITION NO. 1
Spokane County Fire Protection District No. 8

The Board of Spokane County Fire Protection District No. 8 adopted Resolution 18-09 concerning a proposition to finance maintenance and operation costs.

This proposition, would authorize the levy of the excess taxes, in replacement of an existing levy, specified below as authorized by RCW 84.52.130, to provide the funding necessary to maintain the level of fire protection and emergency medical services within the District.

<u>Levy Year</u>	<u>Collection Year</u>	<u>Levy Rate*</u>	<u>Levy Amount</u>
2019	2020	\$0.50	\$1,631,459
2020	2021	\$0.50	\$1,719,217
2021	2022	\$0.50	\$1,810,486
2022	2023	\$0.50	\$1,905,405

(*Approximate Levy rate per \$1,000 of assessed valuation)

Should this proposition be approved?

YES . . .

NO . . .

Section 4. Pursuant to Article VII, Section 2(a) of the Washington State Constitution, the ballot measure shall require approval of 60% percent of the voters if total number of voters voting exceeds 40% of the voters voting at the preceding general election. If the total number of voters voting do not exceed 40% of the total number of voters voting at the preceding general election, then the number of voters voting "yes" on the proposition must also constitute 60% of a number equal to 40% of the total number of voters voting in the district at the last preceding general election.

Section 5. For purposes of receiving notice of any matters related to the ballot title, as provided in RCW 29A.36.080, the Board hereby designates the Fire Chief and legal counsel as the individuals to whom the County Auditor shall provide such notice.

Section 6. The Chief is authorized to implement such administrative procedures as may be necessary to carry out the directives of this resolution, including modifying the text of the ballot title and any other text, language and/or descriptions relative thereto necessary to conform such ballot title, text, language and/or descriptions to the intent of the parties, consistent with the objectives of this resolution

Section 7. The Chief, or designee, is hereby authorized and directed, no later than December 14, 2018, to provide to the County Auditor a certified copy of this resolution and the proper District officials are authorized to perform such other duties or take such other actions as are necessary or required by law to the end that the proposition described in this resolution appear on the ballot before the voters at the February 12, 2019 election.

Section 8. The District hereby requests that Spokane County Elections prepare and distribute a Local Voters Pamphlet.

Section 9. The Board of Commissioners hereby assign to the Fire Chief or designee the task of appointing members to a committee to advocate voters' approval of the proposition and to a committee to prepare arguments advocating voters' rejection of the proposition.

Section 10. If any section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this resolution is declared unconstitutional or invalid for any reason, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this resolution.

Section 11. Any act consistent with the authority and prior to the effective date of this resolution is hereby ratified and affirmed.

Section 12. This resolution shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage.

Adoption: ADOPTED by the Board of Commissioners of Spokane County Fire Protection District No. 8, Spokane County, Washington, at a regular open public meeting of such Board on the 13th day of November, 2018, the following commissioners being present and voting:



Andrew V. Rorie, Chair
Fire District 8 Commissioner

Lee C. Bofing
Fire District 8 Commissioner

Gregory A. Hesse
Fire District 8 Commissioner

ATTEST: Carol J. Trescott
District Secretary