Spokane County Fire Protection District No. 13

Resolution 2018-6 RESOLUTION TO SUBMIT A SIX YEAR EMS LEVY

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF NEWMAN LAKE FIRE & RESCUE 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 CONTINUATION OF AN EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES PROPERTY TAX LEVY NOT TO EXCEED \$.50 PER \$1,000.00 OF TRUE AND ASSESSED VALUATION, IN ADDITION TO ITS REGULAR PROPERTY TAX LEVY, FOR A PERIOD OF SIX CONSECUTIVE YEARS BEGINNING IN 2019 AND ENDING IN 2024 AND TO BE COLLECTED IN EACH SUCCEEDING YEAR TO PROVIDE FUNDS REQUIRED BY THE DISTRICT TO ENABLE THE DISTRICT TO PROVIDE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES.

Background: WHEREAS, the District currently has an EMS levy that will expire at the end of 2019. This measure, if approved by the voters would continue the EMS levy with a replacement six year levy.

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 and that the EMS levy be continued beyond 2019. Such services will necessitate the expenditure of revenues for maintenance, operations, equipment and personnel in excess of those which can be provided by the District's regular tax levy for collection over the next six years;

Resolution: NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Newman Lake Fire & Rescue, Spokane County, Washington as follows:

- **Section 1**. In order to provide emergency medical services, it is necessary that the District perform the following functions:
- 1.1 Obtain, operate and maintain emergency medical vehicles and facilities staffed by properly trained emergency medical technicians and other medically trained personnel.
- 1.2 Obtain consumable medical supplies and medical appliances to equip such vehicles and facilities.
- 1.3 Continue to provide the level of service as deemed necessary by the Board of Commissioners of the Fire District.
- **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 continue its EMS levy by levying each year for a period of six consecutive years beginning in 2019 and collect each year for a period of six consecutive years, beginning in 2020, a general tax on taxable property within the District, in addition to the regular levy for maintenance and operation costs, in an amount not to exceed \$.50 per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation of such property.
- **Section 3**. 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 4. The District electors previously approved a six year \$.50 EMS Levy in 2013, which expires at the end of 2019.

Section 5. There shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the District for their ratification or rejection, at a special election on February 12, 2019, the question of whether or not such levy for emergency medical services, in addition to the regular levy for maintenance and operation, shall be made each year for a period of six consecutive years, the first levy to be made in 2019 and to be collected in 2020. The Board of Commissioners hereby requests the auditor of Spokane County, as ex-officio Supervisor of Elections to call such election and to submit the following proposition at such election, in the form of a ballot title substantially as follows:

PROPOSITION

Newman Lake Fire & Rescue - Board of Commissioners – Proposition reauthorizing and continuing regular emergency medical services property tax levy.

The Board of Fire Commissioners of Newman Lake Fire & Rescue adopted Resolution 2018-6 concerning a proposition to continue its emergency medical services property tax levy.

This proposition would authorize the board of commissioners to continue to fund emergency medical services for its citizens by imposing a regular property tax levy of \$.50 per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation for a period of six consecutive years to be collected beginning in 2020.

Should this proposition be enacted into law?

Yes

No

Adoption: ADOPTED by the Board of Commissioners of Newman Lake Fire & Rescue, Spokane County, Washington, at a regular open public meeting of such Board on the 19th day of November, 2018, the following commissioners being present and voting:

Eileen Weyrauch, Commissioner

Teresa Phelps, Commissioner

Kathleen Small, Commissioner

Keith Yamane, District Secretary