

**SPOKANE COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 4
RESOLUTION NO. 16-02**

**RESOLUTION TO SUBMIT AN EMS LEVY
(Primary Election Ballot)**

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF SPOKANE COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 4 PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE DISTRICT AT THE PRIMARY ELECTION TO BE HELD WITHIN THE DISTRICT ON AUGUST 2, 2016, OF A PROPOSITION AUTHORIZING THE RENEWAL OF AN EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES PROPERTY TAX LEVY AT A RATE NOT TO EXCEED \$.50 PER \$1,000.00 OF TRUE AND ASSESSED VALUATION FOR A PERIOD OF SIX CONSECUTIVE YEARS BEGINNING IN 2016 AND ENDING IN 2021 TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES.

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 (EMS) be provided by the District. The District currently funds these services with an EMS levy last approved by the voters in 2010 that will expire on December 31, 2016 if not renewed.

Approximately 73% of the District's calls are for emergency medical services and the Board has determined that an EMS Levy is necessary to support maintenance and operations necessary to provide adequate EMS services. Continued provision of emergency medical services will require the expenditure of revenues for maintenance, operations, equipment and personnel in excess of those which can be provided by the District's regular fire levy;

Resolution: NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Spokane County Fire Protection District No. 4, 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 manned by properly trained emergency medical technicians, paramedics and/or other medically trained personnel.

1.2 Manage the emergency medical service delivery system.

1.3 Obtain consumable medical supplies and medical appliances to equip such emergency vehicles, personnel, and facilities.

1.4 Maintain and/or improve existing response levels to EMS emergencies with qualified personnel when available.

Section 2. In order to provide the revenue adequate to pay the costs of providing life protection services and facilities as described in Section 1 and to maintain current levels of funding for emergency medical service maintenance, operations and reserves the District shall renew its

expiring EMS levy and levy each year for a period of six consecutive years beginning in 2016 and collect each year for a period of six consecutive years, beginning in 2017, a general tax on taxable property within the District, in addition to the fire 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 maintenance and operation costs, 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. There shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the District for their ratification or rejection, at the primary election on August 2, 2016 the question of whether or not such levy for emergency medical services shall be renewed for a period of six consecutive years with collection beginning in 2017. 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

Spokane County Fire Protection District No. 4 Renewal of Emergency Medical Services Property Tax Levy.

The Board of Commissioners of Spokane County Fire Protection District No. 4 adopted Resolution 13-10 concerning a proposition to renew its six-year Emergency Medical Services property tax levy last approved by the voters in 2010.

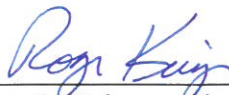
This proposition would authorize the Board of Commissioners of Spokane County Fire Protection District No. 4 to fund emergency medical services for its citizens by a regular property tax levy rate of \$.50 per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation for a period of six consecutive years with collection beginning in 2017.

Should this Proposition be:

Approved

Rejected

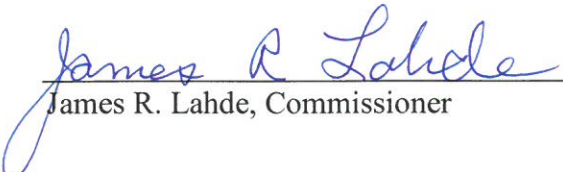
Adoption: ADOPTED by the Board of Commissioners of Spokane County Fire Protection District No. 4, Spokane County, Washington, at a regular open public meeting of such Board on this 25th day of April, 2016, the following commissioners being present and voting:



Roger L. Krieger, Chairperson

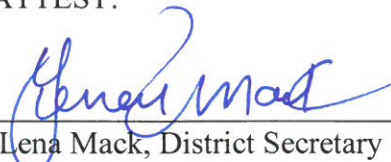


Jack D. Hensley, Commissioner



James R. Lahde, Commissioner

ATTEST:



Lena Mack, District Secretary