

FRANKLIN COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 3  
AMENDED RESOLUTION 350

RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION OF LEVY

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF FRANKLIN COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 3 PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE DISTRICT AT A GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD WITHIN THE DISTRICT ON NOVEMBER 5, 2013 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 fire and emergency medical services be provided by the District. The accelerated demands for, and increasing costs of, providing emergency medical services will necessitate the expenditure of revenues for maintenance, operations and equipment in excess of those which can be provided by the District's regular tax revenue levied at the current rate per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation of taxable property within the District.

**Resolution:** NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Franklin County Fire Protection District No. 3, Franklin County, Washington as follows:

**Section 1.** In order to provide emergency medical services in the District, it is necessary for the District to obtain operate and maintain emergency medical aid vehicles and facilities staffed by properly trained personnel equipped with suitable 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 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 2013 and collect beginning in 2014, 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 District currently levies a regular property tax at the rate of \$1.03 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation. Due to annexation by the City of Pasco, the levy for collection in 2014 is expected to be \$1.18 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation without the removal of the limitation set forth in RCW 84.55.010.

**Section 4. LIMIT FACTOR.** 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 beyond 2014, the District has determined that a limit factor of 5% shall be used to determine the actual levy rate, subject to the maximum statutory rate of \$1.50 per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation, in 2014 – 2019. The funds raised under this levy shall not supplant existing funds used for the purposes described in Section 1.

**Section 5.** There shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the District for their ratification or rejection, at the general election on November 5, 2013, in conjunction with the state general election to be held on the same date, 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

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and assessed valuation in 2014, subject to otherwise applicable statutory limitations in 2014 and be adjusted by a limit factor of 5% for the following five years, subject to otherwise applicable statutory limitations. The Board of Commissioners hereby requests the auditor of Franklin County, as ex-officio Supervisor of Elections, to submit the following proposition at the General election, in the form of a ballot title substantially as follows:

**PROPOSITION**

**Franklin County Fire Protection District No. 3 - Board of Commissioners  
– Proposition Authorizing the Restoration of Existing Property Tax Levies.**

The proposition will authorize the Board of Commissioners of the District to restore its regular property tax levy to an amount not to exceed \$1.50 per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation for collection in 2014 and to authorize setting a limit factor of 5% for each of the five succeeding years to fund emergency medical services. (This shall not be construed to authorize an excess levy and shall be subject to other applicable statutory limits.)

Should this Proposition be enacted into law?

Yes

No

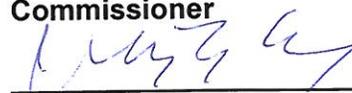
Section 6. For purposes of receiving notice of the exact language of the ballot proposition required by RCW 29A.36.080, the Board of Commissioners hereby designates (1) the Fire Chief and (2) legal counsel to the District, Kuffel, Hultgrenn, Klashke, Shea & Ellerd (Dan Hultgrenn, 509-545-8541, [dhultgrenn@khkslaw.com](mailto:dhultgrenn@khkslaw.com)) as the individuals to whom such notice should be provided.

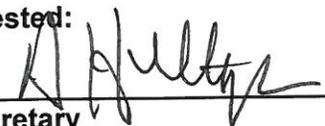
Section 7. The District Secretary is authorized and directed, no later than July 31, 2013, to certify a copy of this resolution to the Auditor and to perform such other duties as are necessary or required by law to the end that the Proposition described herein should appear on the ballot at the general election identified in Section 1 of this resolution.

Adoption: ADOPTED by the Board of Commissioners of Franklin County Fire Protection District No. 3, Franklin County, Washington, at a regular public meeting of such Board on the 23rd day of July, 2013, the following Commissioners being present and voting:

  
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Commissioner

  
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Attested:  
  
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Secretary

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