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Ordinance 16740

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AN ORDINANCE establishing the date for an election on the question of increasing the number of commissioners serving the Maple Valley Fire and Life Safety, King County fire protection district no. 43.

STATEMENT OF FACTS:

RCW 52.14.015 provides for a three-member board of commissioners of any fire district to determine by resolution that it would be in the best interest of the district to increase the number of commissioners from three to five. The law further notes that the board of commissioners from such a fire district shall submit a resolution to the county legislative authority in which the district is located requesting that an election be held to determine the number of commissioners. Upon receipt of the resolution, the legislative authority shall call a special election to be held within the fire protection district.

The board of commissioners for Maple Valley Fire and Life Safety, King County fire protection district no. 43 has submitted a resolution to the

King County council, as required under RCW 52.14.015, requesting that the proposition increasing the board of commissioners from three to five members be placed before the voters.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

SECTION 1. A special election shall be held on February 9, 2010, within King County fire protection district no. 43. The ballot proposition shall be in substantially the following form in accordance with RCW 52.14.015:

"Shall the board of commissioners of Maple Valley Fire and Life Safety, King County fire protection district no. 43, be increased from three members to five members?

YES [ ]

NO [ ]"

SECTION 2. Notice of the election shall be published as required by law.

SECTION 3. The director of elections is hereby authorized and requested to prepare and distribute a local voters' pamphlet, pursuant to K.C.C. 1.10.010, for the

special election called for in this ordinance, the cost of the pamphlet to be included as part of the cost of the special election.

Ordinance 16740 was introduced on 11/30/2009 and passed by the Metropolitan King County Council on 12/14/2009, by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Mr. Phillips, Mr. von Reichbauer, Mr. Gossett, Ms. Hague, Ms. Patterson, Mr. Ferguson and Mr. Dunn
No: 0
Excused: 1 - Ms. Lambert

KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Bob Ferguson, Chair

ATTEST:

Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

APPROVED this 22nd day of December, 2009.

Dow Constantine, County Executive

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Attachments: None

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RESOLUTION R-09-023

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF MAPLE VALLEY FIRE AND LIFE SAFETY (KING COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT #43) PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE DISTRICT AT THE FEBRUARY 9, 2010 SPECIAL ELECTION, TO EXPAND THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS FROM THREE MEMBERS TO FIVE MEMBERS.

WHEREAS, RCW 52.14.015 provides that a three member board of commissioners of any fire protection district may determine by resolution that an increase in the size of the Board from three (3) to five (5) commissioners would provide better representation of the citizens in the District on the Board of Commissioners of the District; and

WHEREAS, since 1952 when the District was established, Maple Valley Fire and Life Safety (King County Fire Protection District #43) has been governed by a three person Board of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, the population served by the District has grown dramatically during the past fifty years and the District now provides emergency medical, life safety and fire suppression services for a resident population of more than forty thousand people; and

WHEREAS, the population served by the District would be better served by expanding the number of members of the board of commissioners and encouraging broader public discussion of and participation in the decision making function of the board; and

WHEREAS, the increasing complexity of state and federal fire and emergency medical safety regulations and the increasing complexity of the services provided by District personnel to the public require increased professionalism and sophistication within all aspects of the District's operations including oversight by the Board of Commissioners;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF MAPLE VALLEY FIRE AND LIFE SAFETY (King County Fire Protection District #43) AS FOLLOWS:

1. Calling for an election on a ballot proposition.

The Board of Commissioners of Maple Valley Fire & Life Safety (King County Fire Protection District #43) requests that the Metropolitan King County Council call for an election as provided for in RCW 52.14.015 and RCW 29.13.010 at the February 9, 2010 Special Election on the following proposition:

> Shall the Board of Commissioners of Maple Valley Fire & Life Safety (King County Fire Protection District #43) be increased from three members to five members?

Yes _____
No _____

2. The Board of Commissioners of Maple Valley Fire & Life Safety (King County Fire Protection District #43) hereby authorizes King County Elections to publish the Voters Pamphlet.

3. The Board of Commissioners of Maple Valley Fire & Life Safety (King County Fire Protection District #43) authorizes the District Secretary to File a Certified Copy of this Resolution with the Clerk of the Metropolitan King County Council.

Adopted this 19th day of November, 2009, at a Regular Meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners, the following Commissioners being present and voting.

Brian McGee, Chairman

Mike Scott, Commissioner

W.K. Van Ruff, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Faye Barker
District Secretary