

**KING COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT #28**  
**RESOLUTION #13-003**

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF KING COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT #28, PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE DISTRICT AT A REGULAR 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 AND ESTABLISHING A SIX YEAR LIMIT FACTOR 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 safety of the residents of the District that fire and emergency medical services be provided by the District. The accelerated demands for, and the increasing cost of, providing these services will necessitate the expenditure of revenues for wages, maintenance, and equipment in excess of those which can be provided by the District's regular tax revenue levied at the current rate of \$1.196 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation of taxable property within the District as limited by the 101% limitation.

**WHEREAS**, The Board of Commissioners has determined that the one percent limit factor established by RCW 84.55.010 will not be sufficient to provide for the expected cost increases required to maintain and increase the level of services currently provided by the District.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Commissioners of King County Fire District #28 as follows:

**Section 1.** In order to provide fire protection, prevention, and emergency medical services in the District it is necessary for the District to operate and maintain fire and emergency medical service vehicles and facilities, and to staff facilities with personnel trained and equipped with proper fire fighting and emergency medical equipment.

**Section 2.** In order to provide the revenue adequate to pay the costs of providing fire and life safety protection services and facilities as described in Section 1, and to establish reserve funds sufficient 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.** 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 establish reserve funds sufficient to assure the continuation of such services beyond 2014, the District has determined that the limit factor shall be *the year end change reported for August of the levy year in the Consumer Price Index For All Urban Consumers for the Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton Area (1982-84=100)*. Such percentage 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. The dollar amount levied in 2019 shall serve as the District's tax levy base for purposes of applying the limit factor established by RCW 84.55.010 in subsequent years.

**Section 4.** There shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the District for their ratification or rejection, at a regular election on November 5, 2013, the question of whether or not the regular property tax levy of the District should be adjusted to \$1.50 per \$1,000.00 of true and assessed valuation in 2014, and be adjusted by *the year end change reported for August of the levy year in the Consumer Price Index For All Urban Consumers for the Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton Area (1982-84=100)* for the following five years, subject to otherwise applicable statutory limitations. The Auditor of King County, as ex-officio Supervisor of Elections, is hereby requested to submit the following proposition at the regular election, in the form of a ballot title substantially as follows:

PROPOSITION

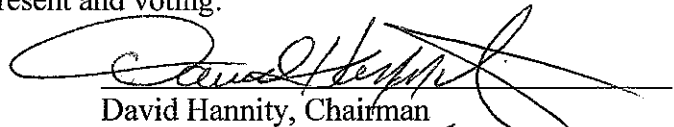
King County Fire District #28 - Board of Commissioners – Proposition Authorizing an Increase of Previous Property Tax Levies.

The Board of Commissioners of King County Fire District #28 adopted Res. No.13-003 concerning a proposition to finance maintenance, operations, and equipment. This measure would adjust the 2013 property tax levy to \$1.50 per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation for collection in 2014 and authorize a limit factor of 100% plus the CPI change For All Urban Consumers for the Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton Area (1982-84 = 100) reported for August of the levy year for each of the five succeeding years. The maximum allowable levy in 2019 shall be used to determine future increases as allowed by Chapter 84.55 RCW.

Should this Proposition be:

Approved  
Rejected

**Adoption:** ADOPTED by the Board of Commissioners of King County Fire District #28, Enumclaw, Washington, at a regular open public meeting of such Board on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2013, the following commissioners being present and voting:

  
David Hannity, Chairman

  
Larry Jensen, Commissioner

  
Pamela Wik, District Secretary