



**BAINBRIDGE ISLAND FIRE DEPARTMENT
RESOLUTION #10-2014
RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION OF LEVY
(Multi Year)**

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF BAINBRIDGE ISLAND FIRE DEPARTMENT PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE DISTRICT AT A SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD WITHIN THE DISTRICT ON FEBRUARY 10, 2015, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE STATE ELECTION TO BE HELD ON THE SAME DATE, OF A PROPOSITION AUTHORIZING A LEVY OF A PROPERTY TAX NOT TO EXCEED \$0.95 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 of the residents of the District that the fire and emergency medical services be provided by the District.

WHEREAS, The Board of Commissioners has determined that the accelerated demands for, and increasing costs of, providing services will necessitate the expenditure of revenues for improved capital facilities, additional staffing, apparatus, maintenance and operations in excess of those which can be provided by the District's regular tax revenue levied at the 2014 rate of approximately \$0.86 per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation of taxable property within the District as limited by the 101% limitation.

WHEREAS, The Board of Commissioners has determined that the continued application of 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.

WHEREAS, The funds generated by this levy will not supplant existing funds used for the purposes identified in Section 1.

WHEREAS, The Board of Commissioners has determined that it is in the best interest of the District that the maximum allowable levy in the sixth year of the levy authorized by this Resolution serve as the levy base for purposes of applying the limit factor established by RCW 84.55.010 in subsequent years.

Resolution: NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Bainbridge Island Fire Department, Kitsap County, Washington as follows:

Section 1. In order to maintain and increase the level of fire protection, prevention, emergency medical services and the protection of life and property in the District, it is necessary for the District to operate and maintain emergency fire and medical service vehicles, to acquire and improve station and other capital facilities and to retain properly trained personnel equipped with proper fire fighting and emergency medical equipment.

Section 2. In order to provide the revenue adequate to pay the costs of maintaining and providing the services described in Section 1 and to assure the continuation and improvement 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 2015 and collect beginning in

2016, pursuant to RCW 52.16.130 and RCW 52.16.140 general tax on taxable property within the District at a rate of \$0.95 per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation. The District has previously levied at the \$0.86 per \$1,000.00 rate.

Section 3. In order to provide the revenue adequate to pay the costs of maintaining and providing the services described in Section 1 and to maintain reserve funds sufficient to assure the continuation of such services beyond 2015, the District has determined that the limit factor for the following five years shall be **100% of the first-half to first-half Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W) for the Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton metropolitan area** but shall be no lower than 1 percent. Such percentage shall be used to determine the actual levy rate, subject to a limit of \$1.50 per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation, in 2016 – 2020. The funds raised under this levy shall not supplant existing funds used for the purposes described in Section 1.

Section 4. The dollar amount levied in 2020 for collection in 2021 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 5. There shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the District for their ratification or rejection, at a special election on February 10, 2015, in conjunction with the state election to be held on the same date the question of whether or not the regular property tax levy of the District should be established at \$0.95 per \$1,000.00 of true and assessed valuation in 2015 and be adjusted by one percent or 100% of the first-half to first-half Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W) for the Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton metropolitan area, whichever is greater, for the following five years, subject to a limit of \$1.50 and otherwise applicable statutory limitations. The Board of Commissioners hereby requests the auditor of Kitsap 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:

Bainbridge Island Fire Department
Board of Commissioners
Proposition Restoring Property Tax Levy For Fire Protection
and Emergency Medical Services.

The Board of Bainbridge Island Fire Department adopted Resolution No. 10-2014 concerning a proposition to maintain and adequately fund District operations.

This proposition authorizes the District to restore its regular property tax levy to \$0.95 per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation for collection in 2016 and authorizes a limit factor of up to 100% of the first-half to first-half CPI-W for the Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton metropolitan area for the following five years. The maximum allowable levy in 2020 shall serve as the base for subsequent levy limitations as provided by Chapter 84.55 RCW.

Should this proposition be:

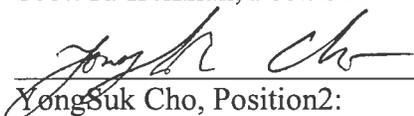
Approved

Rejected

Adoption: ADOPTED by the Board of Commissioners of Bainbridge Island Fire Department, Kitsap County, Washington, at a regular open public meeting of such Board on the 11th day of December 2014, the following Commissioners being present and voting:



Scott R. Isenman, Position 1: In favor / Opposed / Abstained / Absent



YongSuk Cho, Position 2: In favor / Opposed / Abstained / Absent



Dan Morrow, Position 3: In favor / Opposed / Abstained / Absent



Eileen McSherry, Position 4: In favor / Opposed / Abstained / Absent



Teri Dettmer, Position 5: In favor / Opposed / Abstained / Absent

Attest: 

Henry A. Teran, Board Secretary