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PUBLIC HOSPITAL DISTRICT NO. 2
KITTITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON

RESOLUTION NO. 03-18-24-02

A RESOLUTION of the Board of Commissioners of Public Hospital District No. 2, Kittitas County, Washington (the "District"), providing for the submission to the voters of the District at a special election to be held on August 6, 2024, of a proposition authorizing the District to increase its regular property tax levy pursuant to RCW 84.52.069 and RCW 84.55.050 to provide funds for emergency medical care and emergency medical services.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSION OF PUBLIC HOSPITAL DISTRICT NO. 2, KITTITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON, as follows:

Section 1. Findings. The Commission (the "Commission") of Public Hospital District No. 2, Kittitas County, Washington (the "District"), hereby makes the following findings and determinations:

(a) Pursuant to RCW 84.52.069, a public hospital district, when authorized by the voters of the district, may impose an additional regular property tax levy in an amount up to 50 cents per \$1,000 of assessed value of property in the district (a) each year for six consecutive years, (b) each year for ten consecutive years, or (c) permanently, to provide funds for emergency medical care or emergency medical services.

(b) Pursuant to Resolution No. 09-21-15-01, adopted by the District's Board of Commissioners on September 15, 2015, authorized the submission to the voters of the District of a proposition authorizing the District to impose a permanent regular property tax levy pursuant to RCW 84.52.069 in an amount of 25 cents per \$1000 of assessed value, which proposition was approved by the voters of the District at a special election held in February, 2016.

(c) RCW 84.55.010 and RCW 84.55.092 provide that the levy for a taxing district in any year shall be set so that the regular property taxes payable in the following year shall not exceed the "limit factor" multiplied by the amount of regular property taxes lawfully levied for such district in the highest of the three most recent years in which such taxes were levied for such district, or the highest amount that could have been levied in any year since 1985, plus an additional dollar amount calculated by multiplying the increase in assessed value in that district resulting from (i) new construction, (ii) increases in assessed value due to construction of wind turbine, solar, biomass, and geothermal facilities, (iii) improvements to property, (iv) any increase in the assessed value of state-assessed property by the regular property tax levy rate of that district for the preceding year, and (v) increases in assessed value of real property within an increment area designated by a local government pursuant to chapter 39.114 RCW, provided the increase is not included elsewhere in the levy limit calculation.

(d) RCW 84.55.005 provides that the limit factor for taxing districts with a population of less than 10,000 in the calendar year prior to the assessment year is 101% and for taxing districts with a population equal to or greater than 10,000 is the lesser of 101% or one hundred percent plus inflation unless an increase greater than this limit is approved by the voters of the district at an election provided by RCW 84.55.050.

(e) As a result of the limitations imposed by RCW 84.55.010, the District's regular property tax levy rate has been reduced from the original amount of 25 cents per \$1000 of assessed value to the current amount of approximately 11.6 cents per \$1000 of assessed value.

(g) The District has determined that in order to assure the continued availability of high quality emergency medical care and services within the boundaries of the District, it is in the best interest of the residents of the District and other persons served by the District to restore the District's permanent regular property tax levy at the rate of 25 cents per \$1,000 of assessed value of property in the District each year beginning in 2023 to provide funds for emergency medical care and services.

Section 2. Calling of Election. The Auditor of Kittitas County, Washington (the "Auditor"), as *ex officio* Supervisor of Elections, is requested to call a special election in the District, in conjunction with the State primary election, in the manner provided by law to be held therein on the 6th day of August, 2024. The special election shall be for the purpose of submitting to the electors of the District for their approval or rejection, pursuant to the provisions of RCW 84.52.069, the question of whether, beginning with taxes levied in 2024 and payable in 2025, and continuing thereafter, the District should levy a regular property tax in an amount equal to 25 cents or less per \$1,000 of assessed value, which is an amount greater than otherwise permitted under chapter 84.55 RCW, to provide funds for emergency medical care or emergency medical services, including related personnel costs, training for such personnel, and related equipment, supplies, vehicles and structures and use the dollar amount of such levy in 2025 for the purpose of computing limitations for the District's levies in subsequent years. If this proposition is approved, the Commission will be authorized to adopt, in accordance with its regular budget process, an increased regular property tax as described in Section 3.

Section 3. Description of Ballot Proposition. If the required number of voters approve the ballot proposition, the District shall:

(a) levy an additional regular property tax each year on a permanent basis, beginning with taxes payable in 2025, in an amount equal to 25 cents or less per \$1,000 of assessed value, to provide funds solely for emergency medical care and emergency medical services, including related personnel costs, training for such personnel, and related equipment, supplies, vehicles and structures, as set forth under RCW 84.52.069;

(b) provide for separate accounting of expenditures of the revenues generated by the EMS Levy and maintain a statement of the accounting which shall be updated at least every two years and shall be available to the public upon request consistent with applicable state law; and

(c) use the dollar amount levied in 2024 for collection in 2025 for the purpose of computing the limitations on levies in subsequent years under chapter 84.55 RCW

Section 4. Ballot Proposition. Pursuant to RCW 29A.36.071, the Kittitas County Prosecuting Attorney is requested to prepare the concise description of the aforesaid proposition in substantially the following form:

PUBLIC HOSPITAL DISTRICT NO. 2, KITTITAS COUNTY
WASHINGTON
PROPOSITION NO. 1

LEVY LID LIFT FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

If approved, this proposition would provide additional funds solely for emergency medical care and emergency medical services, including related personnel costs, training for such personnel, and related equipment, supplies, vehicles and structures. It authorizes a maximum regular property levy rate for collection in 2025 of \$0.25/\$1,000 assessed value. The 2025 levy amount will be used for the purpose of computing the limitations for levies in subsequent years. Will Public Hospital District No. 2, Kittitas County, be authorized to impose a PERMANENT regular tax levy of 25 cents or less per thousand dollars of assessed valuation to pay for emergency medical care and related services?

YES

NO

Section 5. Referendum Petition. If this measure is approved, a referendum petition may be filed pursuant to RCW 84.52.069(4) with the superintendent of the District at any time. Within ten days of the date the referendum petition is filed with the superintendent, the superintendent shall confer with the petitioner concerning form and style of the petition, issue the petition an identification number, and secure an accurate, concise, and positive ballot title from the designated local official. The petitioner shall have thirty days in which to secure the signatures of not less than fifteen percent of the registered voters of the District, as of the last general election, upon petition forms which contain the ballot title and the full text of the measure to be referred. The superintendent shall verify the sufficiency of the signatures on the petition and, if sufficient valid signatures are properly submitted, shall certify the referendum measure to the next election within the District if one is to be held within one hundred eighty days from the date of filing of the referendum petition, or at a special election to be called for that purpose in accordance with RCW 29A.04.330.

Section 6. Filing with Auditor. The Superintendent of the District, or her designee, is directed (a) to present a certified copy of this resolution to the Auditor no later than May 3, 2024, and (b) to perform such other duties as are necessary or required by law to submit to the District's voters at the aforesaid special election, for their approval or redemption, the proposition of whether or not the District should levy additional regular property taxes as herein provided.

Section 7. Severability. If any provision of this resolution shall be declared by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, then such provision shall be null and void and shall be separable from the remaining provisions of this resolution and shall in no way affect the validity of the other provisions of this resolution, or of the levy or collection of the taxes.

Section 8. Notices. For purposes of receiving notice of the exact language of the ballot title required by RCW 29A.36.080, the Commission hereby designates: (a) Julie Petersen, District Superintendent (509-962-7301, jpetersen@kvhealthcare.org); and (b) legal counsel, Foster Garvey PC (Brad Berg, 206-447-8970, brad.berg@foster.com) as the individuals to whom such notice should be provided. The Superintendent of the District and President of the Commission are each authorized individually to approve changes to the ballot title, if any, deemed necessary by the Kittitas County Auditor or the Kittitas County Prosecuting Attorney.

Section 9. Effective Date. This resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

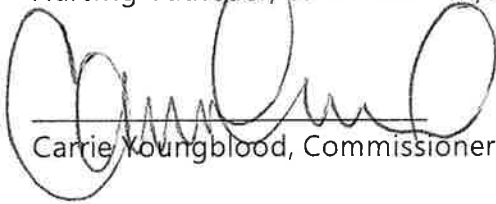
ADOPTED and APPROVED by the Commission of Public Hospital District No. 2, Kittitas County, Washington, at a regular open public meeting thereof of which due notice was given as provided by law this 18th day of March, 2024, the following Commissioners being present and voting.


Floyd Rogalski, President


Fred Benjamin, Commissioner

ABSENT
Hartwig Vathauer, Vice President/Secretary


Ingrid Vimont, Commissioner


Carrie Youngblood, Commissioner

CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned, Secretary of the Commission of Public Hospital District No. 2, Kittitas County, Washington (the "District"), hereby certify as follows:

1. The attached copy of Resolution No. 03-18-24-02 (the "Resolution") is a full, true and correct copy of a resolution duly adopted at a regular meeting of the Commission of the District held at the regular meeting place thereof on March 18, 2024, as that resolution appears on the minute book of the District; and

2. A quorum of the members of the Commission was present throughout the meeting and a majority of those members present voted in the proper manner for the adoption of the Resolution.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 18th day of March, 2024.

PUBLIC HOSPITAL DISTRICT NO. 2,
KITTITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON


Secretary of the Commission