

PUBLIC HOSPITAL DISTRICT NO. 2
KITITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON

RESOLUTION NO. 07-18-22-01

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 November 8, 2022, of a proposition authorizing the District to increase its regular property tax levy pursuant to RCW 84.52.069 to provide funds for emergency medical care and emergency medical services.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSION OF PUBLIC HOSPITAL DISTRICT NO. 2, KITITAS 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) If the minimum 40% turnout requirement is met, the additional regular property tax levy must be approved by 60% of the voters voting. If the minimum turnout requirement is not met, the additional regular property tax levy must be approved by at least 60% of 40% of the number of voters voting at the last preceding general election

(c) 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.

(d) 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 levy a permanent regular property tax in the amount of 50 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 general election, in the manner provided by law to be held therein on the 8th day of November, 2022. 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 2022 and payable in 2023 and continuing in each year thereafter on a permanent basis, the District should levy a regular property tax in an amount equal to 50 cents or less per \$1,000 of assessed value, 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.

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 2023, in an amount equal to 50 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; and

(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.

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

PROPOSITION AUTHORIZING PERMANENT EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES LEVY

Will Kittitas County Public Hospital District No. 2 be authorized to impose a PERMANENT regular tax levy of \$.50 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 August 2, 2022, 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.

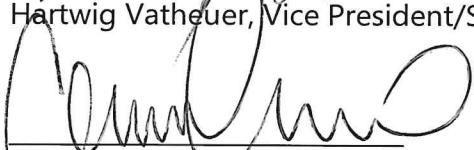
ADOPTED and APPROVED by the Commission of Public Hospital District No. 2, Kittitas County, Washington, at a regular open public meeting thereof of which due notice was given as provided by law this 18th day of July, 2022, the following Commissioners being present and voting.


Floyd Rogalski, President


Fred Benjamin, Commissioner


Hartwig Vatheuer, 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. 07-18-22-01 (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 July 18, 2022, 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 July, 2022.

PUBLIC HOSPITAL DISTRICT NO. 2,
KITTITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON


Secretary of the Commission

**PUBLIC HOSPITAL DISTRICT NO. 2
KITTITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

RESOLUTION NO. 07-18-22-02

A RESOLUTION of the Commission of Public Hospital District No. 2, Kittitas County, Washington, relating to regular property taxes; providing for the submission to the qualified electors of the District at a special election to be held on November 8, 2022, in conjunction with the general election, of a proposition authorizing the District to levy regular property taxes in excess of the limitations imposed by chapter 84.55 RCW; setting forth the text of the ballot proposition; directing proper District officials to take necessary actions; and providing for other properly related matters.

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) Under the provisions of RCW 70.44.060, public hospital districts are authorized to levy regular property taxes at a rate of up to 75 cents per \$1,000 of assessed value for purposes of operating and maintaining the hospital and health care facilities and services of the public hospital district.

(b) 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, and (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.

(c) 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.

(d) The Commission has determined that the EMS levy funds alone are insufficient to cover EMS operations.

(e) The Commission has determined that it is necessary and in the best interest of the residents of the District to seek approval for an increase in its regular property tax levy to provide funds to support the delivery of health care services to the District's residents and other persons served by the District, including emergency medical services, urgent care services and other health care services.

(f) The Commission has determined that it is essential and necessary for the public health, safety and welfare that its regular property tax levy be increased from its current level of approximately \$0.18 per \$1000 of assessed value to \$0.50 per \$1000 of assessed value beginning in 2023.

Section 2. Calling of Election. The Commission finds that it is in the best interests of the District to submit to the qualified voters of the District, at a special election on November 8, 2022, a proposition authorizing the District to increase its regular property tax levy and levy regular property taxes in 2022 for collection in 2023 by an amount greater than otherwise permitted under chapter 84.55 RCW and to use the dollar amount of such levy in 2023 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. The Commission seeks voter approval under RCW 84.55.050(1) for a levy lid lift, as follows:

(a) Maximum Levy Rate Authorized for Levy in 2022 and Collection in 2023. The proposition would authorize a maximum total regular levy rate of \$0.50 per \$1,000 of assessed value for levy in 2022 and collection in 2023.

(b) Increase Authorized in Future Years. The dollar amount of the maximum allowable levy under chapter 84.55 RCW levied in 2022 for collection in 2023 shall be used 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 the form of a ballot title in substantially the following form:

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

LEVY LID LIFT FOR HEALTH CARE SERVICES

The Commission of Public Hospital District No. 2, Kittitas County, Washington adopted Resolution No. 07-18-22-02 concerning an increase in the district's regular property tax levy. If approved, this proposition would provide additional funds for emergency medical services, urgent care services, and other health care services. It authorizes a maximum regular property levy rate for collection in 2023 of \$0.50/\$1,000 assessed value. The 2023 levy amount will be used for the purpose of computing the limitations for levies in subsequent years. Should this proposition be:

APPROVED.....

REJECTED

Section 5. Filing with Auditor. The Secretary of the Commission of the District, or his or her designee, is authorized and directed (a) to present a certified copy of this resolution to the Auditors of Kittitas County, Washington, on or before August 2, 2022, and (b) to perform such other duties as are necessary or required by law to submit to the District's voters at the aforesaid election, for their approval or rejection, the proposition of whether or not the District should increase the levy rate as herein provided.

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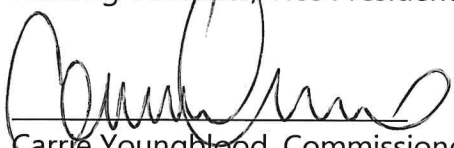
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