

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-547

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MILL CREEK PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY AT A SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE STATE PRIMARY ELECTION ON AUGUST 2, 2016, A PROPOSITION TO RE-AUTHORIZE AND INCREASE THE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES AND/OR EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE LEVY AT A RATE NOT TO EXCEED FIFTY CENTS (\$0.50) PER THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,000) OF ASSESSED VALUATION COMMENCING IN 2016 TO BE COLLECTED IN 2017 AND EACH YEAR THEREAFTER, UPON ALL THE TAXABLE PROPERTY IN THE CITY, THE PROCEEDS OF SUCH LEVY TO BE USED TO CONTINUE EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE AND/OR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES.

WHEREAS, the City Council believes emergency medical care and emergency medical services contribute positively to the quality of life within the City; and

WHEREAS, the City has historically provided for emergency medical services and emergency medical care to the citizenry through a contract with Fire District No. 7; and

WHEREAS, RCW 84.52.069 authorizes cities to impose an additional property tax levy of up to fifty cents (\$0.50) per one thousand dollars (\$1,000) of assessed valuation to provide for emergency medical services and/or emergency medical care in each year for six (6) consecutive years, (10) consecutive years, or permanently; and

WHEREAS, the City's current six-year emergency medical services and/or emergency medical care levy will expire at the end of 2016; and

WHEREAS, RCW 84.52.069 authorizes the City to submit to its voters a proposition for an emergency medical services and/or emergency medical care levy requiring passage by the City's registered voters; and

WHEREAS, in order to provide the funds required to pay the costs of providing emergency medical services and/or providing emergency medical care, including staffing and related personnel costs, training for such personnel, and related equipment, supplies, vehicles and structures needed for the provision of emergency medical services to the citizens, it is necessary that the City renew and levy additional regular property taxes at the rate of fifty cents (\$0.50) or less per one thousand dollars (\$1,000) of current assessed valuation of all taxable property permanently, commencing in 2016 to be collected in 2017 and each year thereafter; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that assuring a constant source of adequate funds to provide emergency medical care and/or emergency medical services will ensure the continuous provision of emergency medical care and/or emergency medical services; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that continuing to provide emergency medical care and/or emergency medical services to the citizenry would be in furtherance of the public health, safety, and welfare.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Mill Creek:

Section 1. The City Council asks the Snohomish County Auditor, as *ex officio* Supervisor of Elections for the County, to call and conduct a special election, requiring the submission of a proposition to the qualified electorate of the City, for their approval or rejection of the question of whether the City shall be authorized to renew and impose a regular property tax levy upon all of the taxable property within the City, at the rate of fifty cents (\$0.50) or less per thousand dollars (\$1,000) of assessed valuation of property commencing in 2016 to be collected in 2017 and each year thereafter, such special election is to be held in conjunction with the State primary election on August 2, 2016.

Section 2. The ballot title for the proposition shall be as follows:

**CITY OF MILL CREEK
PROPOSITION NO. 1
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES LEVY**

For the purpose of continuing to deliver emergency medical care or emergency medical services and providing staffing for emergency medical care or emergency medical services, shall the City of Mill Creek be authorized to impose a regular property tax levy of fifty cents (\$0.50) or less per thousand dollars (\$1,000) of assessed valuation commencing in 2016 to be collected in 2017 and each year thereafter, as provided in City of Mill Creek Resolution 2016-547 and in accordance with RCW 84.52.069?

LEVY YES
LEVY NO

Section 3. The City Clerk is hereby directed to forward a certified copy of this resolution to the Snohomish County Auditor for receipt no later than May 13, 2016.


Section 4. The City Attorney is hereby directed to prepare an explanatory statement for Proposition 1 and forward such statement to the Snohomish County Auditor for receipt no later than May 13, 2016.

Section 5. The City Council shall appoint by motion or resolution Pro/Con Committees for Proposition 1 (up to three members each) in time for the City Clerk to

forward such appointments to the Snohomish County Auditor for receipt no later than May 13, 2016.

Adopted this 3rd day of ~~April~~ ^{May}, 2016, by a vote of 7 for, 0 against, and 0 abstaining.

APPROVED:


MAYOR PAMELA PRUITT

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATED:


CITY CLERK KELLY CHELIN

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

n/a
OFFICE OF THE CITY ATTORNEY
SHORT CRESSMAN & BURGESS

FILED WITH THE CITY CLERK: 5/3/16
PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL: 5/3/16
EFFECTIVE DATE: 5/3/16
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EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

for

Snohomish County Voter's Pamphlet

Regarding

Ballot Proposition No. 1 of the City of Mill Creek to
Continue and Renew the EMS Levy for the City of Mill Creek
as Authorized by Mill Creek Resolution No. 2016-547
for the August 2, 2016 Primary Election

The following explanatory statement for the proposition identified above has been prepared by the Mill Creek City Attorney pursuant to RCW 29A.32.241(4):

If approved by the voters, Mill Creek Proposition 1 would renew the expiring emergency medical services ("EMS") levy and impose additional regular property tax levies dedicated to emergency medical care and emergency medical services. This EMS levy is the primary source of funding for emergency medical care and emergency medical services, historically provided by Fire District No. 7, serving the residents of Mill Creek. If approved, the City would levy a separate and dedicated tax at a rate of \$.50 or less per \$1,000 of the assessed valuation of all the taxable property within the City. This dedicated tax would renew the expiring EMS levy, and would pay for continuing emergency medical care and emergency medical services, available to Mill Creek's residents beginning January 1, 2017 and each year thereafter.

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