

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-548

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 GENERAL ELECTION ON NOVEMBER 8, 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 FOR SIX CONSECUTIVE YEARS COMMENCING IN 2016 WITH COLLECTION BEGINNING IN 2017, UPON ALL THE TAXABLE PROPERTY IN THE CITY, THE PROCEEDS OF SUCH LEVY TO BE USED TO CONTINUE AND ENHANCE 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; 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 for six (6) consecutive years commencing in 2016 for collection beginning in 2017; 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 for each of six (6) consecutive years commencing in 2016 for collection in 2017, such special election is to be held in conjunction with the State general election on November 8, 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 for each of six consecutive years, commencing in 2016 with collection beginning in 2017, as provided in City of Mill Creek Resolution 2016-___ 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 August 2, 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 August 2, 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 August 2, 2016.

Adopted this 26th day of April, 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:

OFFICE OF THE CITY ATTORNEY
SHORT CRESSMAN & BURGESS

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