

RESOLUTION NO. 2007-05

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF POULSBO, WASHINGTON, EXPRESSING THE SUPPORT OF THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE FIRE LEVY FOR KITSAP COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT 18 (POULSBO FIRE DEPARTMENT) APPEARING ON THE MAY 15, 2007 BALLOT AS PROPOSITION NO. 1 FOR THE INCREASE OF THE EXISTING PROPERTY TAX LEVY.

WHEREAS, the timely, professional, and superior fire protection and emergency medical service is paramount to the quality of life enjoyed by the citizens of the City of Poulsbo; and

WHEREAS, the City Council recognizes the importance of a well-trained and professional fire department where the quality of its facilities and equipment are as important as the quality of its personnel and level of service; and

WHEREAS, the passage of I-747 has restricted the ability of Kitsap County Fire Protection District No. 18 to keep up with the escalating costs of maintaining the current level of service enjoyed by the citizens of the City of Poulsbo and has made it necessary for the District to spend down its cash reserves and pursue alternative funding sources; and

WHEREAS, each year the volume of calls to which the Fire Department responds increases and in 2006 the increase was 16%, the highest increase of any fire department in Kitsap County; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Kitsap County Fire Protection District No. 18 has placed a levy proposition on the May 15, 2007 ballot in the amount of \$1.29 per \$1,000 of assessed value (\$0.21 less than the maximum

allowable rate of \$1.50) for maintaining its current level of service, equipment and facilities, replacement of some emergency vehicles, and provide additional emergency response personnel; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to officially express its support for the levy as a means of providing the necessary funds to fully support the fire department; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to RCW 42.17.130, this resolution was considered at an open meeting of the Poulsbo City Council for which all required notices were given and at which all members of the City Council and members of the public were afforded an approximately equal opportunity for the expression of an opposing view; now therefore,

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF POULSBO, WASHINGTON, HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

The City Council hereby declares its support for the Kitsap County Fire Protection District No. 18 property tax limit increase levy appearing on the May 15, 2007 ballot and urges all voters to cast a yes vote on the levy issue.

RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Poulsbo, Washington this 4th day of April, 2007.


KATHRYN H. QUADE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Karol Jones
KAROL JONES, CMC, CITY CLERK

FILED WITH THE CITY CLERK: 3/28/2007
PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL: 4/4/2007
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