

KING COUNTY
FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 34
REDMOND, WASHINGTON

RESOLUTION NO. 112/80
AUTHORIZING ELECTION REGARDING TAX LIMITATION

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF KING COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 34 OF KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON, PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION TO QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE DISTRICT AT A SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE REGULAR DISTRICT PRIMARY ELECTION THEREIN, ON SEPTEMBER 16, 1980, AS AUTHORIZED BY THE STATE LEGISLATURE, A PROPOSITION WHICH WOULD AUTHORIZE REMOVAL OF THE LIMITATION ON TAX LEVY PRESCRIBED BY RCW 84.55.010 ("106% LID" LAW) FOR KING COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 34 FOR ONE YEAR.

WHEREAS, Fire Protection District No. 34 is charged with the responsibility for furnishing fire protection, a basic governmental service; and

WHEREAS, the said district has experienced significant growth in population and property improvements over the past eight (8) years, with a resultant growing demand for emergency aid and fire services; and

WHEREAS, there has been a significant rate of inflation in excess of six (6%) percent over that same period; and

WHEREAS, the said district has only the property tax levy as a regular source of income to provide for salaries, equipment and all other district needs; and

WHEREAS, in all but three (3) calendar years since 1973 the tax levy of said district has been limited by RCW 84.55.010 (the "106% Lid" Law) to less than eighty (80%) percent of the One Dollar (\$1.00) per thousand dollars of the true and fair value of property within the district that is otherwise authorized by law; and

WHEREAS, the cumulative effect of said limitation has been a gradual but significant reduction of the district's reserves; and

WHEREAS, the district's resources have or may be further reduced by the levies of other junior taxing districts; and

WHEREAS, said reserves have been depleted to the point that services will necessarily be reduced in 1981 unless the tax limit of one (1) mill is restored; and

WHEREAS, such limitation of services would be detrimental to the general public interest and welfare; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF KING COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 34 that there shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the district for their ratification or rejection, at a special election to be held in conjunction with the regular district primary election therein, on September 16, 1980, as authorized by the State Legislature, the question of whether or not the limitation on the regular tax levy prescribed by RCW 84.55.010 should be removed for the levy to be made in 1980 for collection in 1981, and the Director of Records and Elections of King County as ex officio County Supervisor of Elections, is hereby requested to find that an emergency exists, to call said special election, as aforesaid, in the form of a ballot title substantially as follows:

PROPOSITION - AUTHORIZING PROPERTY TAX LEVY FOR FIRE SERVICES

"Shall King County Fire Protection District No. 34 be authorized to levy a regular property tax of One Dollar (\$1.00) per One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) of true and fair valuation, to be levied in 1980 for collection in 1981?

"(This shall not be construed to authorize an excess levy and shall be subject to otherwise applicable statutory provisions and limitations.)"

YES _____

NO _____

ADOPTED by the Board of Commissioners of King County Fire Protection District No. 34 at a regular open meeting thereof this 7th Day of July, 1980, all Commissioners being present and voting.

Horace A. Olsen
Horace A. Olsen, Chairman

Robert B. Churchill
Robert B. Churchill, Commissioner

Virgil E. Magruder
Virgil E. Magruder, Commissioner

ATTEST: Carl P. Hartig
Carl P. Hartig, Secretary -
Board of Commissioners