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RESOLUTION NO. 1166

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EDMONDS, WASHINGTON, PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY AT THE MAY 20, 2008 SPECIAL ELECTION OF A PROPOSITION AUTHORIZING AN EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES (EMS) LEVY LID LIFT TO RESTORE THE REGULAR PROPERTY TAX BY APPROXIMATELY \$.18 (\$1.7 MILLION) TO THE ORIGINALLY AUTHORIZED LEVEL OF \$.50 PER \$1,000 OF ASSESSED VALUATION; AND SUPPLYING A BALLOT TITLE LIMITING THE USE OF THE LEVY TO EMS PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the citizens of Edmonds previously approved a permanent Emergency Medical Services levy of up to \$.50 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation for Emergency Medical services; and

WHEREAS, in the interest of fiscal responsibility, the Edmonds City Council chose to levy \$.50 of the \$.50 approved levy in fiscal year 2004; and

WHEREAS, by so doing, future increases in the tax limit were limited to 101% of the level established by the City's initial levy; and

WHEREAS, RCW 84.55.050 authorizes the voters by majority vote to authorize a lift of the levy lid; and

WHEREAS, the provision of Emergency Medical Services through the City's Fire Department is essential to the health and well being of the citizens; and

WHEREAS, the citizens have already authorized a permanent maximum levy in excess of the amounts levied by the City Council in the past; and

WHEREAS, the City Council deems it to be in the public interest to request authorization by the voters to utilize the additional levy amount originally authorized by the voters; now, therefore,

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

In accordance with the authorization of RCW 84.55.050, the City Council proposes to submit to the voters an increase in the amount of property tax which the City is authorized to levy. The proposed increase of approximately \$.18 (\$1.7 million) if approved, would restore the City's maximum approved tax levy to the \$.50 per \$1,000 of true assessed valuation originally approved by the voters. The vote would represent an authorization to utilize taxing authority previously authorized by the voters in the form of a permanent EMS levy at the maximum of \$.50 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation. This amount is at the statutorily authorized maximum and is not an excess levy. Upon authorization, the current limitation on the City's maximum tax levy would be increased with the levy in 2008, and with collections to begin in 2009.

Section 1. There shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the City for their ratification or rejection, an election to be held on May 20, 2008 in conjunction with the May 20, 2008 special election to be held on the same date, the question of whether or not the maximum permanent EMS property tax levy of the City should be increased to \$.50 or less per \$1,000 of true assessed valuation, subject to otherwise applicable statutory limitations. The City Council therefore directs and requests the Auditor of Snohomish County and its Supervisor of Elections to submit the following proposition at such election, in the form of a valid title to read substantially as follows:

CITY OF EDMONDS

PROPOSITION # _____

Shall the City of Edmonds restore its current Emergency Medical Services tax levy rate to the originally voter-authorized total tax levy of \$.50 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation restoring approximately \$.18 (\$1.7 million) and increase the levy each year thereafter as allowed by Chapter 84.55 RCW? This proposition is not an excess levy and is subject to otherwise applicable statutory limits.

Should this proposition be approved?

- Yes**
- No**

Section 2. Changes. The Mayor and City Attorney are authorized to make such minor adjustments to the wording of such proposition as may be recommended by the Snohomish County Auditor and its Supervisor of Elections, as long as the intent of the proposition remains clear and as approved by the City Council.

RESOLVED this 26th day of February, 2008.

APPROVED:

MAYOR, GARY HAAKENSON

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATED:

CITY CLERK, SANDRA S. CHASE

FILED WITH THE CITY CLERK: 02/22/2008
PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL: 02/26/2008
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