

# Resolution No. 2015-23

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A RESOLUTION of the City Council of the City of Lakewood, Washington, expressing support for the 2016 West Pierce Fire & Rescue maintenance and operations property tax levy.

WHEREAS, the voters of the City of Lakewood elected to become a part of West Pierce Fire & Rescue, the district which has traditionally provided fire protection and emergency medical services protection to the citizens of the City of Lakewood; and

WHEREAS, the City Council recognizes the need for the Fire Protection District to preserve and enhance its fiscal resources in order to effectively continue to provide the vital services it provides to the community; and

WHEREAS, in support of its desire to provide those services, and because prior levies expire after the period of time they were approved, West Pierce Fire & Rescue is pursuing a proposition to sustain maintenance and operations through a general property tax levy, to provide Forty Three Million Nine Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$43,900,000), to be collected 2016-2019, which is Ten Million Nine Hundred Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$10,975,000) annually which is a reduction of Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000), on an annual basis, from the current levy amount approved by voters in 2013; and

WHEREAS, because the proposed levy will provide revenue and resources to fund approximately 35 percent of the District's operations, to assist with continuing its programs of positive EMS and fire protection to the citizens of the City of Lakewood, and without the levy, its ability to provide that level of service would be more difficult, the proposed levy is something which the City Council can support.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD, WASHINGTON HEREBY RESOLVES, as Follows:

Section 1. That the City Council of the City of Lakewood expresses its support for the maintenance and operation levy coming before the voters of the District, including the City of Lakewood, on August 4, 2015.

Section 2. That this Resolution shall be in full force and effect upon passage and signatures hereon.

PASSED by the City Council this 20th day of July, 2015.

CITY OF LAKEWOOD

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Don Anderson, Mayor

Attest:

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Alice M. Bush, MMC, City Clerk

Approved as to Form:

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Heidi Wachter, City Attorney