

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-14

A RESOLUTION of the City Council of the City of Lakewood, Washington, expressing support for the 2019 West Pierce Fire & Rescue maintenance and operation levy, levy lid lift and EMS levy lid lift coming before the voters on August 6, 2019.

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 Proposition No. 1 to sustain maintenance and operations through a general property tax levy, to provide Fifty Five Million Nine Hundred Eighty Eight Thousand Dollars (\$55,988,000), to be collected 2020-2023, which is Thirteen Million Nine Hundred Ninety Seven Thousand Dollars (\$13,997,000) annually; and

WHEREAS, in 2020, the current \$1.50 levy rate and \$0.50 EMS levy rate are projected to fall to \$1.29 and \$0.42 respectively; and

WHEREAS, West Pierce Fire & Rescue is pursuing Proposition No. 2 and Proposition No. 3 in order to reinstate the current rate for both levies for a total of six years; and

WHEREAS, the proposed M & O levy, levy lid lift and EMS levy lid lift will collectively provide revenue and resources to fund approximately 85 percent of the District's annual 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

substantially reduced, the proposed levy and lid lifts are 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, levy lid lift and EMS levy lid lift coming before the voters of the District, including the City of Lakewood, on August 6, 2019.

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


PASSED by the City Council this 1<sup>st</sup> day of July, 2019.

CITY OF LAKEWOOD



Don Anderson, Mayor

Attest:

  
Briana Schumacher, City Clerk

Approved as to Form:

  
Heidi Wachter, City Attorney