

**RESOLUTION NO. 166**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE VALLEY REGIONAL FIRE AUTHORITY CERTIFYING THE LEVY OF REGULAR AND VOTER APPROVED EXCESS PROPERTY TAXES BY THE VALLEY REGIONAL FIRE AUTHORITY FOR COLLECTION IN 2021**

WHEREAS, the Valley Regional Fire Authority (Authority) is a political subdivision of the State of Washington, created and established pursuant to Chapter 52.26 of the Revised Code of Washington (RCW); and

WHEREAS, the Governing Board of the Authority has met and considered its budget for the calendar year 2021; and

WHEREAS, the voters of the Authority authorized the annual levy of excess property taxes to pay and retire bonds as provided in Resolution 33;

WHEREAS, on February 11, 2020, the voters of the Authority authorized a levy lid lift to restore the Authority's regular property tax levy as referenced in Exhibit 1 attached hereto; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to RCW 84.55.120 the Governing Board held public hearings on November 9, 2020 after proper notice was given, to consider the Authority's 2021 budget, and the regular and voter approved excess property tax levies to support it.

NOW THEREFORE, THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE VALLEY REGIONAL FIRE AUTHORITY, DOES RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

**Section 1.** As referenced in Exhibit 2 attached hereto, regular property taxes for collection in the Valley Regional Fire Authority for the year 2021 are authorized in the amount of \$14,887,937 in the Counties of King and Pierce. The dollar amount of the increase over the actual levy amount from the previous year shall be \$4,420,644, which is a percentage increase of 42.23% from the previous year. This increase is exclusive of additional revenue resulting from new construction, improvements to property, any increase in the value of state assessed property, certain wind turbine property and refunds that are to be made. In addition, approximately \$10,000 in refunds are requested to be re-levied

**Section 2.** As referenced in Exhibit 2 attached hereto, voter approved excess levy property taxes for collection in the Valley Regional Fire Authority for the year 2021 are authorized in the amount of \$1,545,000 in the Counties of King and Pierce.

**Section 3.** Pursuant to RCW 84.52.125, it is the intent of the Authority to protect its tax levy from prorationing under RCW 84.52.010(2), by imposing up to a total of twenty-five cents (\$0.25) per thousand dollars of assessed valuation of the tax levies authorized outside of the five dollar and ninety cents per

thousand dollars of valuation limitation established under RCW 84.52.043(2) if those taxes would otherwise be prorated under RCW 84.52.010(2)(e).

**Section 4.** If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this Resolution is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of the remaining portions of the Resolution, as it being hereby expressly declared that this Resolution and each section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase hereof would have been prepared, proposed, adopted and approved and ratified irrespective of the fact that any one or more section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase be declared invalid or unconstitutional.

**Section 5.** Administrative Authorization. The Fire Chief / Administrator and/or Treasurer of the Authority are hereby authorized to implement such administrative procedures as may be necessary to carry out this directive.

**Section 6.** Effective Date. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect upon passage and signatures hereon.

DATED and SIGNED this 10 day of November 2020.

VALLEY REGIONAL FIRE AUTHORITY

  
LEANNE GUIER  
Governing Board Chair

ATTEST:

  
Stefanie Harper  
Clerk of the Board

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
Eric Quinn  
Counsel for the Valley Regional Fire Authority



STATE OF WASHINGTON               )  
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 COUNTY OF KING                    )

This is to certify that on February 11, 2020, there was held a special election in the Valley Regional Fire Authority, King and Pierce Counties, Washington, for the submission of a ballot measure to the voters for their approval or rejection;

That the results of the election were duly canvassed by the King County Canvassing Board on February 21, 2020, and the results of said canvass are as follows:

**Proposition No. 1**  
**Levy Lid Lift to Restore the Regular Property Tax Levy**

	King County	Pierce County	Total	
Approved	6,561	1,128	7,689	63.59%
Rejected	3,947	456	4,403	36.41%

**Validation requirements**  
 Proposition No. 1 required a simple majority to pass.

Dated at Renton, King County, Washington, this 27<sup>th</sup> day of February 2020.

  
 Julie Wise, Director

# CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION

## Valley Regional Fire Authority

We, the undersigned members of the Pierce County Election Canvassing Board for the State of Washington, do hereby certify that on February 11, 2020, an Election was held in the above named district.

The Proposition submitted to the voters in said district for their approval and adoption or rejection is as follows:

**Special Election - Proposition No. 1**  
**Levy Lid Lift to Restore the Regular Property Tax Levy**

**Official Ballot Title:** The Board of Governance of Valley Regional Fire Authority has adopted Resolution No. 156 concerning restoring the regular property tax levy to its original rate.

If approved, this proposition would authorize restoration of the regular property levy rate of \$1.00/\$1,000 assessed value for collection in 2021, as described in the Resolution. The increased levy would be used to sustain fire protection and emergency medical services within the Authority. The highest lawful levy permitted for collection in 2021 will be used to calculate subsequent levy limits.

Should this proposition be approved or rejected?

<b>Approved:</b>	<b>1,128</b>	<b>71.21%</b>
<b>Rejected:</b>	<b>456</b>	<b>28.79%</b>

A simple majority needed to pass.

Pierce County results only.



Dated at Tacoma, Washington, this 21st day of February, 2020.

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Auditor or Designee

\_\_\_\_\_  
Pierce County Council Chair or Designee

\_\_\_\_\_  
Prosecuting Attorney or Designee

EXHIBIT 2

By Ordinance 2152 of the Metropolitan King County Council, Taxing Districts are required annually to submit the following information regarding their tax levies for the ensuing year as part of a formal resolution of the District's governing body.

THE KING COUNTY ASSESSOR HAS NOTIFIED THE GOVERNING BODY OF Valley Regional Fire Authority THAT THE ASSESSED VALUATION OF PROPERTY LYING WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF SAID DISTRICT FOR THE ASSESSMENT YEAR 2020 IS:

\$14,837,936.503 (preliminary)

REGULAR (STATUTORY) LEVY (AS APPLICABLE):

EXPENSE FUND	\$ 14,887,937
- TEMP. LID NAME _____	\$ _____
- TEMP. LID NAME _____	\$ _____
RESERVE FUND	\$ _____
NON-VOTED G.O. BOND (Limited)	\$ _____

REFUNDS (Noted on worksheet)

TOTAL REGULAR LEVY 10,000  
14,897,937

EXCESS (VOTER APPROVED) LEVY:

(Please list authorized bond levies separately.)

G.O. BONDS FUND LEVY	\$ 1,545,000
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SPECIAL LEVIES (INDICATE PURPOSE AND DATE OF ELECTION AT WHICH APPROVED):

_____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____

TOTAL TAXES REQUESTED: \$ 16,442,937

THE ABOVE IS A TRUE AND COMPLETE LISTING OF LEVIES FOR SAID DISTRICT FOR TAX YEAR 2021 AND THEY ARE WITHIN THE MAXIMUMS ESTABLISHED BY LAW.

Seamus Muir  
(AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE)

November 10, 2020  
(DATE)