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PASSED: July 24, 2017

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WHEREAS, the Peninsula Metropolitan Park District (the "District") owns and operates parks and recreation facilities, and provides recreation programming and services, in the Gig Harbor – Peninsula area, all of which require on-going funding; and

WHEREAS, RCW 35.61.210 authorizes the District to annually levy up to \$0.75 per \$1,000 of assessed value on property within the District to provide revenue for funding; and

WHEREAS, Initiative 747 (codified at RCW 84.55.005-.0101) has limited the increase in property tax revenues to the District to 1% per year, a rate that has been less than the actual rate of inflation for the costs of providing parks, facilities and park and recreation services to the District's citizens; and

WHEREAS, without additional revenues, the District will not be able to offer or sustain improvements in parks, amenities, programs and services or the additional parks and services the citizens recently identified in a survey as important to their vitality and quality of life, including programming for seniors and those in our vulnerable populations, increased access to Puget Sound and enhanced trails and greenspace; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Park Commissioners (the "Board") finds it necessary to seek funding for these parks, amenities, programs and services by allowing the voters to approve or reject a ballot proposition, pursuant to RCW 84.55.050(2), that authorizes the Board to levy its regular property tax in an amount that exceeds the limit factor that would otherwise be prescribed by RCW 84.55.010 for up to six consecutive years, during which period each year's authorized maximum legal levy shall be used as the base upon which an increased levy limit for the succeeding year is computed; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that it is in the best interest of the District that the maximum allowable levy in the sixth year of the levy authorized by this Resolution serve as the levy base for purposes of applying the limit factor established by RCW 84.55.010 in subsequent years.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS OF THE PENINSULA METROPOLITAN PARK DISTRICT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The Board hereby finds that it is in the best interests of the citizens of the District to provide additional funds to support parks, amenities, programs and services, including without limitation acquiring, developing, preserving, maintaining and operating new and existing parks, playgrounds and recreational facilities; providing and enhancing recreation programs including programs for seniors and people in our vulnerable populations; and improving and preserving access to Puget Sound, enhanced trails and greenspaces.

Section 2. In order to provide the revenue to fund the parks, amenities, programs and services described in Section 1, and to assure the continuation and improvement of those important public assets, pursuant to RCW 84.55.050(2)(a), a proposition shall be included on the ballot of

the November 7, 2017 general election, for the purpose of submitting to the qualified electors of the District, for their ratification or rejection, a proposition approving a permanent increase in the District's regular property tax levy exceeding the limit factor provided in RCW 84.55.005- .0101, as more specifically described in Section 3 below.

Section 3. The proposition authorizes the District to levy its regular property tax at a rate of \$0.75 per \$1,000 of assessed value beginning in 2018 and to increase the levy amounts for the five succeeding years, subject to a limit factor of one hundred and six percent (106%) of the previous year (not to exceed \$0.75 per \$1,000 and otherwise applicable statutory limitations). The dollar amount levied in 2022 for collection in 2023 shall serve as the District's tax levy base for purposes of applying the limit factor established by RCW 84.55.010 in subsequent years.

Section 4. The proposition to be submitted to the qualified electors of the District for their ratification or rejection, at the November 7, 2017 general election, shall read substantially as follows:

**PENINSULA METROPOLITAN PARK DISTRICT
PIERCE COUNTY, WASHINGTON
PROPOSITION NO. 1**

SIX YEAR RESTORATION OF TAX LEVY RATE FOR PARKS AND RECREATION

The Peninsula Metropolitan Park District Board adopted Resolution No. R2017-007 concerning this proposition to provide additional funding of parks, recreational facilities, access to Puget Sound, enhanced trails and greenspaces, recreation programs, including programs for seniors and vulnerable populations, by restoring the District's regular property tax levy rate to \$0.75 per \$1,000 of assessed value in 2018; setting the limit factor at 106% for each of the five succeeding years and use the 2023 levy amount to calculate subsequent levy limits.

Should this proposition be:

APPROVED?

REJECTED?

Section 5. The explanatory statement shall read substantially as follows:

Explanatory Statement

In 2004, the voters approved the formation of the Peninsula Metropolitan Park District (PenMet Parks) which they funded by levying a tax on themselves at \$0.75 per \$1,000 of assessed property value. Since then, PenMet Parks has developed numerous parks and recreation programs throughout the community. During the same time, several factors have limited PenMet Parks' levy rate, which is limiting PenMet Parks' ability to provide parks, facilities and services to the community at the same or greater levels.

In the recent survey, citizens asked for additional parks, recreation facilities, more access to Puget Sound, enhanced trails and greenspaces and recreation programs serving seniors and people in our vulnerable populations. This proposed levy lid lift would allow the District to exceed the 1% annual cap for the next 6 years and restore the \$0.75 per \$1,000 levy rate approved by the voters. The additional funds will be used to improve parks and programs in our community and consistent with the survey results.

Section 6. The District's Executive Director and attorney are authorized to make such minor adjustments to the wording of the proposition and explanatory statement as deemed appropriate or as may be recommended by the Pierce County Prosecuting Attorney's Office or the Pierce County Auditor and its Supervisor of Elections, as long as the intent of the proposition and explanatory statement remains clear and consistent with the intent of this Resolution as approved by the Board.

Section 7. In the event the proposition specified in Section 4 above is approved, the District shall levy and there shall be collected a regular tax on real property in the District at the rate of \$0.75 per \$1,000 assessed valuation for collection in 2018.

Section 8. The Clerk of the Board is hereby directed to deliver a certified copy of this Resolution to the Pierce County Auditor, as ex-officio Supervisor of Elections, on or before August 1, 2017, for inclusion of the proposition and explanatory statement in the November 7, 2017 general election.

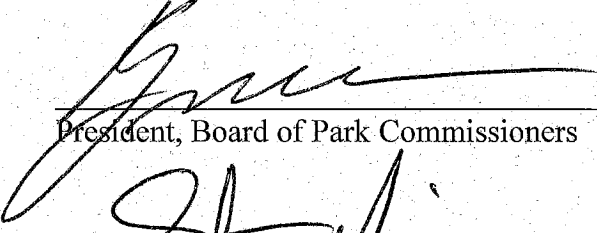
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Section 9. If any one or more recitals, sections, subsections, or sentences of this Resolution are held to be unconstitutional or invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion of this Resolution and the same shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 10. This resolution shall be in full force and effective from and after its adoption and approval.

ADOPTED by the Board of Park Commissioners of the Peninsula Metropolitan Park District, at a regular meeting thereof held this 24th day of July, 2017.

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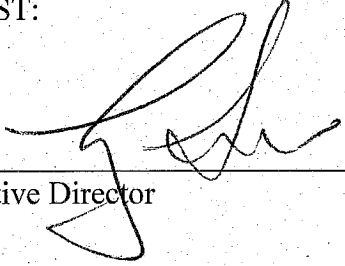


President, Board of Park Commissioners



Clerk, Board of Park Commissioners

ATTEST:



Executive Director

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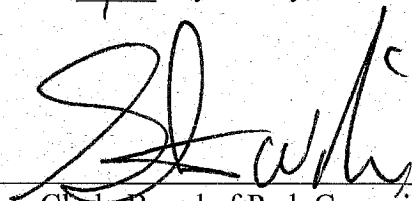
CERTIFICATE

I, the undersigned, Clerk of the Board of Park Commissioners of the Peninsula Metropolitan Park District (the "District") and keeper of the records of the Board of Park Commissioners (herein called the "Board"), do hereby certify:

1. That the attached resolution is a true and correct copy of Resolution No. R2017-007 of the Board (herein called the "Resolution"), duly adopted at a regular meeting thereof held on July 24, 2017.

2. That said meeting was duly convened and held in all respects in accordance with law, and to the extent required by law, due and proper notice of such meeting was given; that a legal quorum was present throughout the meeting and a legally sufficient number of members of the Board voted in the proper manner for the adoption of the Resolution; that all other requirements and proceedings incident to the proper adoption of the Resolution have been duly fulfilled, carried out and otherwise observed; and that I am authorized to execute this certificate.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand this 24th day of July, 2017.



Clerk, Board of Park Commissioners

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