

City of Orting

Special Election - Proposition No. 1
Submitted by the City of Orting
AUTHORIZING PROPERTY TAX LEVIES FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

Official Ballot Title: Shall the City of Orting be authorized to impose regular property tax levies of twenty five cents or less per one thousand dollars of assessed valuation for each of six consecutive years, beginning in 2004, to provide funding for emergency medical services?

Explanatory Statement: Orting's current EMS levy provides funds for the fire department to provide emergency medical services to its citizens and is expiring. This levy has been supported and approved in past elections. The proposed levy is in an amount not to exceed \$.25 (twenty-five cents) per \$1,000.00 (one thousand dollars) of assessed valuation beginning in the year 2004 and collected each year for six consecutive years. The amount to be collected in 2005 is estimated to be \$52,000.00. Pursuant to RCW 84.52.069 the funds received from the levy may only be used for emergency medical services including related personnel costs, training for such personnel, related equipment, supplies, vehicles, and structures needed to provide emergency medical services.

Statement For:

The Citizens for EMS committee are asking the voters for support of the upcoming EMS tax levy of .25 cents per assessed \$1000.00 real property value. This levy is **not an increase in taxes**. It is only to continue a current levy soon to expire.

The Orting Fire Department relies on funding from this levy to provide for Emergency Medical Training for volunteers and career members, supplies such as the new Automatic Heart-Start Machines and call pay for the volunteer firefighters.

The Orting Fire Department relies heavily on the EMS levy as nearly 80 percent of all emergency calls for help are medical related.

Without the EMS funding, the Orting Fire Department will be forced into cutting back important programs that will affect their staffing and training.

Committee Members Include: David Inge, Cheryl Temple, John Kelly

Statement Against:

No statement was submitted against this issue.

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