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RESOLUTION No. 303

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF SOUTH PRAIRIE, PIERCE COUNTY,
WASHINGTON REQUESTING THAT THE PIERCE COUNTY AUDITOR
CALL FOR A SPECIAL ELECTION IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE
NOVEMBER 2009 GENERAL ELECTION FOR CONSIDERATION OF A
PROPOSITION TO INCREASE THE TOWN'S EMERGENCY MEDICAL
SERVICES PROPERTY TAX LEVY**

Whereas, the citizens of the Town of South Prairie authorized a levy of \$0.50 per thousand dollars assessed valuation in November 2005 to be collected in 2006 for Emergency Medical Services (EMS); and

Whereas, due to a 1% cap on annual property tax increases in State law, the levy rate tends to decline every year, such that in 2009, the Town will only collect \$.3454 per thousand dollars assessed valuation; and

Whereas, cut-backs in the amount of revenue actually being collected will hinder the ability of the Fire District and Town to provide emergency services to the Town's citizens, and may ultimately result in cut-backs in services and personnel; and

Whereas, the Interlocal Agreement with the Pierce County Fire District 20 of November 5, 2003, paragraph 6, requires the Town to endeavor to match the District's EMS levy rate; and

Whereas, Pierce County Fire District 20 has merged into Pierce County Fire District 22; and

Whereas, Pierce County Fire District 22 has taken steps to put a levy lid lift before the voters in the November 2010 general election; and

Whereas, the proceeds of an increase in the regular property tax on real property will provide funding for the continuation of emergency services provided to the Town's citizens.

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Now, therefore, the Town Council of the Town of South Prairie, Pierce

County, Washington do ordain as follows:

Section 1: The Pierce County Auditor is hereby requested to call a special election in conjunction with the general election on Tuesday, November 3, 2009, for consideration of a proposition to increase the Town of South Prairie's regular property tax levy for Emergency Medical Services to \$0.50 per thousand dollars assessed value from and after January 1, 2010, as indicated in the ballot proposition shown in Section 2 of this Resolution.

Section 2: The Town Clerk/Treasurer shall certify to the Pierce County Auditor not less than 84 days prior to November 3, 2009, a ballot proposition in substantially the following form:

PROPOSITION NO. 1

**PROPERTY TAX LEVY PROPOSITION FOR
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES
RE-AUTHORIZING THE PREVIOUSLY EXISTING PROPERTY TAX RATE
OF \$0.50 PER \$1,000 OF ASSESSED VALUATION**

If passed, Proposition No. 1 would permit the Town of South Prairie to levy the regular property tax at the rate of \$.50 per \$1,000 assessed valuation, which is the rate authorized previously by the voters, for collection in 2010 thereby lifting the revenue limitation in Chapter 84.55 RCW. The maximum allowable levy in 2010 shall be used to determine future increases as allowed by chapter 84.55 RCW.

Should this Proposition be approved?

Yes

No

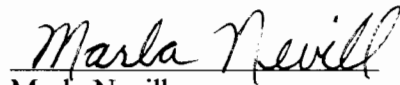
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INTRODUCED AND PASSED by the Town Council of the Town of South Prairie this
4th day of August 2009.


Mayor Peggy Levesque

8-4-2009
Date Signed

Attested:


Marla Nevill
Clerk/Treasurer

