

**CITY OF DuPONT**  
**WASHINGTON**  
**ORDINANCE NO. 17- 1023**

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**AN ORDINANCE of the City Council of the City of DuPont, Washington, relating to regular property taxes; providing for the submission to the qualified electors of the City at a general election to be held on November 7, 2017, of a proposition reauthorizing the City to levy regular property taxes in excess of the limitations of chapter 84.55 RCW to continue the City's current level of emergency medical services (EMS); setting forth the text of the ballot proposition; directing proper City officials to take necessary actions; and providing for other properly related matters.**

The City Council (the "City Council") of the City of DuPont, Washington (the "City"), hereby makes the following findings and determinations:

**WHEREAS**, the City of Dupont in 1999 received approval by qualified electors of an EMS levy as an additional regular property tax in an amount equal to fifty cents (\$.50) per thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) of assessed value of property; and

**WHEREAS**, the EMS levy was renewed in 2005 for a six year period which expired on December 31, 2011; the EMS levy was renewed again in 2011 for a six year period that will expire on December 31, 2017; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of DuPont's actual levy amount from the previous year (2016) was \$701,841; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council attests that the City of DuPont's population is 9,497 according to the U.S. Census Bureau July, 2016 estimated statistics; and

**WHEREAS**, RCW 84.55.050(1) provides for the levy of regular property taxes in an amount exceeding the limitations specified in chapter 84.55 RCW if such increased levy is authorized by a proposition approved by a majority of the voters at general election held within the taxing district.

**WHEREAS**, it is the judgment of the City, that it is essential and necessary for the protection of the health and life of the residents of the City to maintain control over the basic emergency medical services provided to the city and to continue the current level of basic emergency medical services provided to the citizens of DuPont; and

**WHEREAS**, in order to continue financing the costs of operations and maintenance of the City's existing basic emergency medical services at current levels of service, to continue to meet the need for emergency medical services, including basic life support services, and to meet the emergency medical needs arising from continued growth within the community, to satisfy personnel and equipment needs, to raise revenues adequate to pay costs attributable to providing adequate basic emergency medical services, the City deems it advisable to renew the 2011-2017 EMS levy.

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DuPONT, WASHINGTON DO HEREBY ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1. Calling of Election.** Based on the foregoing, the City Council finds that it is in the best interests of the City to submit to the qualified voters of the City, at the general election to be held on November 7, 2017, a proposition authorizing the City to continue an increase its regular property tax levy for collection in 2018 by an amount greater than otherwise permitted under chapter 84.55 RCW and as amended for the purpose described in Section 3. If this proposition is approved, the City Council will be reauthorized to adopt, in accordance with its regular budget process, the increased regular property tax as described in Section 3.

**Section 2. Purpose and Description of Ballot Proposition.** For the purposes identified below, the City Council seeks voter approval to renew a six year EMS levy ballot proposition under RCW 84.55.050(1) and as amended. If approved, the proposition would reauthorize the City's regular levy rate for collection in 2018 to remain at the current level of \$.50 per \$1000 assessed value for six years. The amounts collected shall continue to be used solely to provide funding for maintaining the current level of basic emergency medical services.

**Section 3. Ballot Proposition.** The Auditor of Pierce County, Washington (the "Auditor"), as *ex officio* supervisor of elections, is hereby requested to place on the ballot for the regular election, in the manner provided by law, to be held on the date identified in Section 2, for the purpose of submitting to the voters of the City, a proposition in substantially the following form:

**Renewal of Six-Year Emergency Medical  
Services (EMS) Levy**

DuPont City Council adopted ordinance 17-1023 concerning a continuation of the additional regular property tax in an amount equal to fifty cents (\$.50) per thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) of assessed value of property in the City's regular property tax rate for six years. The EMS levy would continue to provide current levels of basic life support, and emergency medical services.

Approved?     Rejected?

**Section 4. All-Mail Ballot Proposition: Notices Relating to Ballot Proposition.** The City hereby requests that this election be conducted as an all-mail election, pursuant to RCW 29A.48.020. For purposes of receiving notice of the exact language of the ballot proposition required by RCW 29A.36.080, the City Council hereby designates: (a) the City Clerk Karri Muir ([kmuir@dupontwa.gov](mailto:kmuir@dupontwa.gov), 253-964-8121), and (b) City Attorney, Gordon P. Karg ([gkarg@duponwa.gov](mailto:gkarg@duponwa.gov), 253-912-5214) as the persons to whom such notice should be provided.

**Section 5. Local Voters' Pamphlet.** The preparation and distribution of a local voters' pamphlet providing information on this ballot proposition is hereby authorized. The pamphlet shall include arguments advocating approval and disapproval of the ballot proposition prepared by committees appointed in accordance with RCW 29A.32.280. Each committee shall be composed of not more than three persons, and the committee advocating approval shall be composed of persons known to favor the ballot proposition and the committee advocating disapproval shall be composed of persons known to oppose the ballot proposition. Committees shall be appointed in accordance with Section 6.

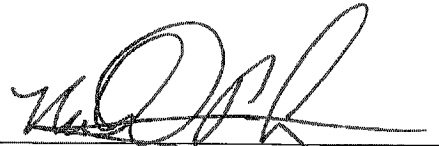
**Section 6. Authorization to Deliver Resolution, Appoint For/Against Committees and Perform Other Necessary Duties.** The City Clerk is authorized and directed, no later than \_\_\_\_\_, 2017, to certify a copy of this ordinance to the Auditor and to perform such other duties as are necessary or required by law to the end that the proposition described herein should appear on the ballot on the regular election identified in Section 2 of this ordinance. The City Administrator is authorized and directed to seek out the names of persons interested in serving on a committee to prepare an argument advocating approval and a committee to prepare an argument advocating disapproval of the ballot proposition and to submit those names to the Auditor in accordance with the schedule established by state law and County rule. If more than three persons volunteer to form a committee for or against, the City Administrator shall draw names by lot to determine the composition of such committee, and the City Council shall approve such names by motion. If three or fewer persons volunteer for each committee, then the City Council hereby authorizes submission of those names, without need for further action by Council.

**Section 7. Severability.** If any provision of this ordinance shall be declared by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, then such provision shall be null and void and shall be separable from the remaining provisions and shall in no way affect the validity of the other provisions, or of the levy or collection of the taxes authorized herein.

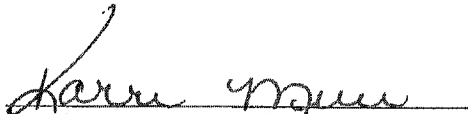
**Section 8. Effective Date.** This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and five days following its publication, as required by law.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** if Proposition 1 regarding Advanced Life Support (ALS) is approved in the August 1, 2017 election, this Proposition will be withdrawn.

PASSED by City Council and approved by the Mayor, this 25th day of July 2017.

  
Michael P. Courts, Mayor

Attest:

  
Karri Muir, CMC, City Clerk

Approved as to Form:

  
Gordon Karg, City Attorney

Filed with the City Clerk: 7/25/17  
Passed by the City Council: 7/25/17  
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