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RESOLUTION NO. 280

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF SHORELINE, WASHINGTON, IN SUPPORT OF THE SHORELINE FIRE DEPARTMENT BALLOT PROPOSITION FOR A PROPERTY TAX LEVY LID LIFT

WHEREAS, the City Council believes it is essential and necessary for the protection of the public health, safety, life, and property of the citizens and residents of the City of Shoreline that service levels of fire, emergency medical services and other life safety services continue to be provided at current or enhanced levels; and

WHEREAS, the Shoreline Fire Department is seeking voter authorization of a property tax levy of \$1.50 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation, which would then allow specific increases of up to 6% for each of five consecutive successive years in property taxes collected by the Shoreline Fire Department providing that the levy rate in the sixth year shall serve as the base rate for establishment of future years' levies; and

WHEREAS, while in 2005, the fire district electorate approved a property tax rate of \$1.50 per \$1000 of assessed valuation for collection in 2006 to deliver fire, emergency medical services and other life safety services and, due to restrictions imposed by RCW 84.55.010 and related statutes, the 2008 property tax rate is \$1.30 per \$1000 of assessed valuation; and

WHEREAS, under the current regular property tax rate of \$1.30 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation, the Shoreline Fire Department's cost increases to offer such services have exceeded revenue increases, due to restrictions imposed by RCW 84.55.010 and related statutes, and this trend is projected to continue; and

WHEREAS, the City Council believes that continuation of the 1% limitation imposed by RCW 84.55.010 would restrict the Shoreline Fire Department from collecting sufficient revenue to fully fund existing and planned services, necessitating a cutback in the level of certain services in the district, including deferral of apparatus and equipment replacement, potential reductions in staffing for fire and emergency medical services, potential elimination of special services such as the technical rescue team, potential elimination of certain public education activities and similar cutbacks; and

WHEREAS, the City has conducted a public hearing pursuant to RCW 42.17.130 allowing the Councilmembers and public an equal opportunity to express their views on the ballot proposition; and

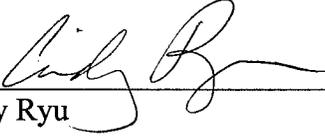
WHEREAS, the City Council believes that it is in the best interests the residents and the property owners within the City of Shoreline that the property tax levy lid lift be approved;

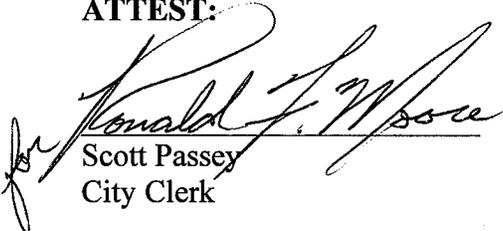
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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SHORELINE, WASHINGTON AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The City Council of the City of Shoreline hereby express support for and encourage approval of a property tax levy lid lift, which will be presented to the voters at a special election to be held on August 19, 2008.

ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL ON JULY 28, 2007.


Cindy Ryu
Mayor

ATTEST:

Scott Passey
City Clerk