

## **RESOLUTION 1287**

### **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GIG HARBOR, WASHINGTON, EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE AUGUST 1, 2023, PIERCE COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 5 (GIG HARBOR FIRE & MEDIC ONE) PROPOSITION NO. 1 TITLED "MULTI-YEAR FIRE AND EMERGENCY LEVY LID LIFT"**

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**WHEREAS**, Pierce County Fire Protection District No. 5 (Gig Harbor Fire & Medic One) has identified the need to renew the district's general levy in order to ensure the district has adequate funding to maintain the staffing and equipment needed to respond to emergencies; and

**WHEREAS**, the district has seen sustained population growth with additional homes, businesses, and a rising need for emergency response services. The district has seen steady growth in call volume and experienced a 10% increase between 2021 and 2022; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Fire Commissioners has adopted Resolution No. 2023-06 causing Proposition No. 1 to be placed on the ballot of the August 1, 2023, special election; and


**WHEREAS**, if approved, this proposition will restore the district's regular property tax levy to the previous voter-approved rate of \$1.50 per \$1,000 of assessed value for collection in 2024 and permit annual revenue increases of up to 6% for each of the succeeding five years (but never to exceed the \$1.50 per \$1,000 rate limit).; and

**WHEREAS**, at its meeting of July 24, 2023, the Gig Harbor City Council took public testimony on Proposition 1, allowing an equal opportunity for the expression of viewpoints supporting and opposing this measure;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Gig Harbor:

The Gig Harbor City Council strongly supports Pierce County Fire Protection District No. 5 (Gig Harbor Fire & Medic One) Proposition No. 1 – Multi-Year Fire and Emergency Levy Lid Lift.

**ADOPTED** by the City Council of the City of Gig Harbor at a regular meeting thereof, held this 24<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2023.

  
Brenda Lykins  
Mayor Pro Tempore

Attest:

  
Joshua Stecker, CMC  
City Clerk