

**ORDINANCE NO. 2016-14**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF EATONVILLE, PIERCE COUNTY, WASHINGTON, RELATING TO EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES, PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE TOWN, AT AN ELECTION TO BE HELD WITHIN THE DISTRICT ON NOVEMBER 8, 2016, A PROPOSITION AUTHORIZING THE UNINTERRUPTED CONTINUATION OF AN ADDITIONAL REGULAR PROPERTY TAX LEVY IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED FIFTY CENTS PER THOUSAND DOLLARS OF THE ASSESSED VALUATION, PURSUANT TO RCW 84.52.069, EACH YEAR FOR SIX CONSECUTIVE YEARS, TO BE LEVIED FIRST IN 2017, TO PROVIDE FUNDS FOR THE CONTINUED PROVISION OF BASIC AND ADVANCED EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES THROUGHOUT THE TOWN**

**WHEREAS**, in 2006 the qualified electors of the Town of Eatonville approved an emergency medical services levy in an amount equal to fifty cents or less per thousand dollars of assessed value of property for a period of ten years, solely for the provision of funding emergency medical services throughout the Town; and

**WHEREAS**, the emergency medical services levy passed in 2006 expires at the end of 2016; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Ordinance No. 2016-5, an emergency medical services levy has been placed on the ballot for the August 2, 2016 election; and

**WHEREAS**, in the event the emergency medical services levy is not approved at the August 2, 2016 election, it is the desire of the Council that the levy be placed on the ballot for the November 8, 2016 election; and

**WHEREAS**, the Council of the Town of Eatonville, after hearing and considering all relevant information, has determined that it is in the best interests of the Town to place before the voters of the Town a proposition to extend the collection of an additional property tax levy in an amount equal to fifty cents or less per thousand dollars of assessed value of property for a period of six years in order to fund emergency medical services throughout the Town; now, therefore,

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF EATONVILLE AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1.** Pursuant to RCW 84.52.069, the Eatonville Town Council hereby calls for submission of a proposition authorizing the Town to continue to collect a regular property tax of fifty cents (\$.50) or less per thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) of the assessed value of property in the Town to fund emergency medical services, to the qualified electors of the Town at the general election to be held November 8, 2016. The Pierce County Auditor, as ex officio supervisor of

elections in Pierce County, is hereby requested to assume jurisdiction of and to call and conduct such election and to submit to the qualified electors of the Town the proposition set forth in Section 3 below. The Mayor and/or Town Attorney are authorized to modify the proposition as directed by the Pierce County Auditor, as long as the intent of the proposition remains clear and consistent with the intent of this Ordinance as approved by the Town Council. The Town Clerk is hereby directed to certify the proposition set forth in Section 3 and forward the proposition to the Pierce County Auditor, and to do so not later than May 13, 2016. If this proposition is approved, the Town Council will be authorized to adopt an increased regular property tax as described herein.

**Section 2.** In the event that the voters of the Town of Eatonville approve the regular property tax of fifty cents (\$.50) or less per thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) of the assessed value of property in the Town to fund emergency medical services during the August 2, 2016 Election, this Ordinance will become unnecessary and will become void.

**Section 3.** For the purposes identified below, the Town Council seeks voter approval under RCW 84.52.069, as follows:

(a) **Purpose.** The additional regular property tax authorized by the proposition shall be used to fund emergency medical services, including but not limited to related personnel costs, training for such personnel, and related equipment, supplies, vehicles and structures.

(b) **Increase Authorized Beginning in 2017.** The additional regular property tax authorized by the proposition shall apply to the amounts collected beginning in 2017.

**Section 4.** The proposition to be submitted to the voters shall be in substantially the following form:

**TOWN OF EATONVILLE  
Proposition 1  
Emergency Medical Services Levy**

Will the Town of Eatonville be authorized to impose an additional regular property tax levy of fifty cents or less per thousand dollars of assessed valuation for each of six consecutive years solely for the provision of emergency medical services?

YES.....   
NO.....

**Section 5.** All actions previously taken in furtherance of and not inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby ratified and confirmed.

**Section 6.** Should any section, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance, or its application to any person or circumstance, be declared unconstitutional or otherwise invalid for any reason, or should any portion of this Ordinance be preempted by state or federal law or regulation, such decision or preemption shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance or its application to other persons or circumstances.

**Section 7.** This ordinance shall take effect after publication of a summary, consisting of the title, pursuant to RCW 35.27.300.

1ST READING:        07/25/2016  
2ND READING:        Waived

PASSED by the Town Council of the Town of Eatonville and attested by the Clerk in authentication of such passage this 25th day of July, 2016.

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Mike Schaub  
Mayor

ATTEST:

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Kathy Linnemeyer  
Town Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Gregory A. Jacoby  
Town Attorney