

RESOLUTION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
GLACIER VIEW FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

A RESOLUTION ADVOCATING VOTER APPROVAL OF THE FIRE DISTRICT'S REQUEST FOR A PROPERTY TAX INCREASE DURING THE NOVEMBER 6, 2018 ELECTION.

WHEREAS, since it was organized in 1989, the sole purpose of Glacier View Fire Protection District ("Fire District") has been to protect the communities it serves by providing essential, life-saving fire suppression, rescue, extrication, hazardous materials and community risk reduction services (collectively, "Emergency Services");

WHEREAS, on September 24, 2018, the Fire District's Board of Directors ("Board") adopted a Resolution directing the attached Property Tax Increase Ballot Issue to be submitted to the Fire District's voters during the coordinated election that Larimer County will conduct on November 6, 2018 ("Election");

WHEREAS, the Colorado Fair Campaign Practices Act, C.R.S § 1-45-117(1)(b), expressly authorizes the Board to adopt a Resolution of advocating voter approval of the Fire District's request for a tax increase during the Election; and,

WHEREAS, the Board has determined it is important to the health, safety, and welfare of its citizens that the Board adopt this Resolution urging all eligible voters to approve the Fire District's Property Tax Increase Ballot Issue at the Election.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE GLACIER VIEW FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT LARIMER COUNTY, COLORADO:

1. THE FIRE DISTRICTS OPERATING MILL LEVY HAS NOT BEEN INCREASED SINCE 2003. Over the last 15 years increasing expenses to maintain the level of life-saving emergency service we currently provide, and changes to the revenue stream based on decreasing property value and assessed valuation is making it difficult to maintain First Responders' safety equipment and the supplies, tools, and equipment used in providing our community with emergency services.
2. TO MAINTAIN CURRENT SERVICE LEVELS, THE FIRE DISTRICT NEEDS TO ADD PERSONNEL (VOLUNTEERS). The Fire District has recognized the demands of the current volunteers is significant and to ensure effective high quality Emergency Services to our communities and improve the health and safety of our firefighters we need to add 7 volunteers. Those volunteers need to be trained and equipped. So while they are unpaid, there is still a significant cost to the District.
3. DISTRICT CALL VOLUME HAS INCREASED. Despite conscientious spending of taxpayer money, the double-impact of upward spiraling costs and increased emergency service demands has put the Fire District in a position where CONTINUING WITHOUT A TAX INCREASE COULD SIGNIFICANTLY COMPROMISE THE LEVEL OF LIFE-SAVING EMERGENCY SERVICES THE FIRE DISTRICT IS ABLE TO PROVIDE TO ITS COMMUNITIES.
4. The Board would not consider asking its citizens to assume an additional tax burden, no matter how modest, if it were not essential. However for the last 15 years the Fire District's sole focus has been on the health, safety, and welfare of its citizens and its firefighters. This ballot initiative is critical to the Fire District's continued ability to provide high quality, cost-effective Emergency Services to our communities and to ensure the safety of our firefighters.

FOR ALL OF THE FOREGOING REASONS, THE BOARD URGES VOTERS TO APPROVE THE FIRE DISTRICT'S PROPERTY TAX INCREASE BALLOT ISSUE DURING THE NOVEMBER 6, 2018 ELECTION.

ADOPTED this 24th Day of September 2018.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE GLACIER VIEW FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

By: Stephen Sauter

By: David Thompson

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November 2018 Ballot Language

Ballot Issue 6B – Mill Levy Increase

SHALL GLACIER VIEW FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT TAXES BE INCREASED \$93,643 (FIRST FISCAL YEAR DOLLAR INCREASE) ANNUALLY, BEGINNING IN LEVY YEAR 2018 (FOR COLLECTION IN CALENDAR YEAR 2019) BY INCREASING THE DISTRICT'S EXISTING PROPERTY TAX BY 4.0 MILLS, TO ENABLE THE DISTRICT TO CONTINUE PROVIDING CRITICAL FIRE, AMBULANCE, RESCUE AND OTHER EMERGENCY SERVICES TO ITS FAST-GROWING COMMUNITIES, AND SHALL ALL REVENUE AND ANY EARNINGS ON THIS TAX CONSTITUTE A PERMANENT VOTER-APPROVED REVENUE CHANGE WITHIN THE MEANING OF ARTICLE X, SECTION 20 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION AND AN EXCEPTION TO THE LIMITATIONS SET FORTH IN SECTION 29-1-301 OF THE COLORADO REVISED STATUTES, AND ANY OTHER LAW?