



**MAPLE VALLEY FIRE & LIFE SAFETY
KING COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT #43
RESOLUTION R – 2016-004**

**BENEFIT CHARGE
ELECTION TO AUTHORIZE**

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF MAPLE VALLEY FIRE AND LIFE SAFETY (KING COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 43) DECLARING THE INTENT TO REQUEST A VOTER – AUTHORIZED BENEFIT CHARGE EACH YEAR FOR SIX (6) YEARS AND CALLING FOR AN ELECTION WITHIN THE DISTRICT OF A PROPOSITION TO APPROVE THE VOTER-AUTHORIZED BENEFIT CHARGE ON PERSONAL PROPERTY AND IMPROVEMENTS TO REAL PROPERTY WITHIN THE DISTRICT FOR UP TO SIX YEARS.

WHEREAS, the District is authorized by Chapter 52.18 RCW to establish, impose and collect a Benefit Charge on personal property and improvements to real property located within the District, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Fire Commissioners has determined that the regular property tax levy and other income for 2017 and subsequent years will not be sufficient to cover the operating costs of the District, in order to maintain a satisfactory level of service by the District to its citizens and residents; and

WHEREAS, the District’s level of service provided for fire and emergency medical services will actually have to be reduced unless the Benefit Charge is approved; and

WHEREAS, the Benefit Charge will be reasonably proportioned to the measurable benefits that each property receives from the services by the District;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF KING COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 43, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Benefit Charge. It is the declared intent of the District to request a voter-authorized benefit charge on personal property and improvements to real property located within King County Fire Protection District No. 43, to be paid by the owners of such property.

Section 2. Amount of Benefit Charge. The amount of the Benefit Charge for each year shall be set in the year preceding imposition of the charge, after a public hearing to review and establish the amount of the benefit charges for the subsequent year, pursuant to RCW 52.18.060.

Section 3. Effective Date. The continued Benefit Charge would be fixed and imposed on the affected property, effective January 1, 2017, if authorized by the voters.



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Section 4. Notice of the Benefit Charge. Pursuant to RCW 52.18.060 and 52.18.070, property owners will be notified in writing of the benefit charge and the amounts thereof, subsequent to the public hearing referred to in section 2 above, and prior to the formation or convening of a benefit charge review board by the Commissioners. Such review board shall be convened and available for a two week period, to hear and decide written complaints from aggrieved property owners who, in their opinion, have been charged improperly.

Section 5. Election. Pursuant to RCW 52.18.050, there shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the District for their approval or rejection, at the primary election of August 2, 2016, the question whether to authorize a benefit charge for fire protection. The initial imposition of a benefit charge authorized by chapter 52.18 RCW must be approved by at least 60% of the voters of the district. The Secretary of the District is authorized and directed to request the Auditor of King County to call said election, the ballot title for which is to be substantially as prescribed by RCW 52.18.050, as follows:

BALLOT TITLE

**PROPOSITION NO. _____
MAPLE VALLEY FIRE AND LIFE SAFETY
(KING COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 43)**

Shall Maple Valley Fire & Life Safety (King County Fire Protection District No. 43) be authorized to impose benefit charges each year for six years, not to exceed an amount equal to sixty percent of its operating budget, and be prohibited from imposing an additional property tax under RCW 52.16.160?

_____YES _____NO



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PASSED at a Regular Meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners of Maple Valley Fire and Life Safety (King County Fire Protection District 43) held on this 5th day of May, 2016.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

Camille Walls, Chairperson

Michele de Leon, District Secretary

Chris Bodlovic, Commissioner

John Herbert, Commissioner

Bill VanRuff, Commissioner

Gordon MacIlvennie, Commissioner