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ORDINANCE NO. 06-1013

AN ORDINANCE of the City of SeaTac, Washington providing for the submission to the qualified voters of the City of SeaTac at an election to be held on September 19, 2006 of a proposition authorizing the City to increase its regular property tax levy annually for six consecutive years above the limit established in RCW 84.55.010 in order to provide funds for fire protection and emergency services, including increased fire department staffing, purchase of equipment and rebuilding existing fire stations, and setting forth the ballot proposition and directing the City Clerk to certify a copy of this ordinance to the King County Records & Elections Division. The proposition would approve a maximum regular property tax levy rate for 2007 of \$3.10/\$1,000 assessed valuation, authorize annual increases in the levy amount by four percent, thereby setting the limit factor at 104 percent for each of the five succeeding years, and increase the levy each year thereafter as allowed by Chapter 84.55 RCW.

**WHEREAS**, the City of SeaTac is a Code City, located in King County, Washington, duly organized and existing pursuant to the laws of the State of Washington, and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council authorized a seismic evaluation of all three City fire stations; and

**WHEREAS**, the seismic evaluation completed by MLA Engineering provided the opinion that all three City fire stations are not structurally sound, and are in danger of significant damage or collapse in the event of major earthquake; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council has committed to replacing Fire Station 46 using existing reserve funds; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council believes that in the near future, the two remaining fire stations will need to be rebuilt; and

**WHEREAS**, since 1996, due to budget shortfalls to the City of SeaTac General Fund, the SeaTac Fire Department has cut a Fire Marshal's and Public Educator's position, and

**WHEREAS**, in order to restore and support an essential level of fire protection and emergency services to the community the City Council desires to allow the electors to vote to ratify or reject a proposition to raise the tax on real property within the City for the year 2007 to the authorized levy rate of \$3.10 per \$1,000 assessed valuation, and authorize annual increases in the levy amount by four percent, thereby setting the limit factor at 104 percent for each of the five succeeding years, and increase the levy each year thereafter as allowed by Chapter 84.55 RCW;

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEATAC, WASHINGTON, DO ORDAIN as follows:**

**Section 1.** It is hereby found and declared that an emergency exists requiring the submission to the qualified electors of the City of the proposition whether the City shall levy regular property taxes in excess of the limitations established in RCW 84.55.010 for their ratification or rejection at a special election to be held on September 19, 2006. The King County Records, Elections and Licensing Services Division, as ex officio supervisor of election in King County, is requested to find the existence of such an emergency and to call and conduct such election to be held within the City and to submit to the qualified electors of the City, for their ratification or rejection, a proposition to raise the permanent regular property tax on real property within the City, from and after January 1, 2007, to \$3.10 per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation, authorize annual increases in the levy amount by 4 percent, thereby setting the limit factor at 104 percent for each of the five succeeding years, and increase the levy each year thereafter as allowed by Chapter 84.55 RCW.

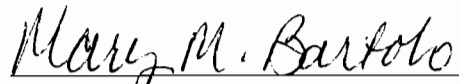
**Section 2.** The purpose of the Proposition shall be to provide funds to operate, equip, and construct facilities for fire protection and emergency services. Funds raised under this levy shall be in addition to, and not supplant, existing funds used for these purposes. Specific use of funds generated by this levy could include increased Fire Department staffing, purchases of Fire Department equipment including a ladder truck, and fire station construction. The City Council shall determine the exact use of the amounts received from such increased regular property taxes for various fire protection and emergency services purposes.

**Section 3.** The City Clerk is authorized and directed, not less than 45 days prior to such election date, to certify said Proposition to the King County Records and Elections Division, as ex officio supervisor of elections in King County, Washington in substantially the following form:

ATTEST:

  
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Judith L. Cary, City Clerk

Approved as to Form:

  
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Mary E. Mirante Bartolo, City Attorney

[Effective Date: 6/3/06 ]

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