CITY OF BATTLE GROUND
RESOLUTION NO. 24-08

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING CLARK COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 3 PROPOSITION NO. 5 FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES LEVY LID LIFT WHICH IS TO BE PRESENTED TO THE VOTERS AT THE PRIMARY AND SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON AUGUST 6, 2024, PROPOSING TO AUTHORIZE THE DISTRICT TO LIMIT ITS REGULAR PROPERTY TAX LEVY TO $1.50 PER $1,000.00 OF ASSESSED VALUATION IN 2024 FOR COLLECTION IN 2025 WITH AN ANNUAL LEVY LIMIT FACTOR OF 6%.

WHEREAS, Fire District 3 provides vital fire and life safety services to approximately 46,000 people in east Clark County, including to the City of Battle Ground; and

WHEREAS, Fire District 3 has adopted a strategic plan and operates by the core values of professionalism, safety, teamwork, integrity, and community; and

WHEREAS, Fire District 3 operates under a balanced budget, maintains adequate emergency reserves, has a history of passing financial and accountability audits by the state, and consistently provides cost-effective services to taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, Fire District 3 is facing a critical funding shortage, which may result in the inability to provide adequate service levels and cause slower response times for our growing community; and

WHEREAS, the accelerated demands and increasing costs of providing fire and emergency medical services by Fire District 3 will necessitate the expenditure of revenues for maintenance, operations, and equipment in excess of those which can be provided by Fire District 3's regular tax revenue levied at the current effective rate of $1.16 per $1,000 of assessed valuation of taxable property within Fire District 3; and

WHEREAS, Fire District 3 is primarily funded through a voter-approved levy; and

WHEREAS, failure to pass this levy lid lift will lead to continued degradation of service levels for the citizens of the City of Battle Ground, potential equipment failure, staffing challenges, and increased response times.

NOW, THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Battle Ground as follows:

1. That the City Council of the City of Battle Ground supports the Clark County Fire Protection District No. 3 Proposition No. 5 Fire and Emergency Services Levy Lid Lift.

2. The City Council strongly encourages voters to approve Proposition No. 5 at the Primary and Special Election to be held on August 6, 2024.

3. This resolution shall be effective immediately upon its adoption by the City Council.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL AND APPROVED BY THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF BATTLE GROUND IN AN OPEN MEETING this 17th day of July 2024

CITY OF BATTLE GROUND, WASHINGTON:

By: _____
Shane Bowman, Deputy Mayor (Acting Chair)

Attest:

By: _____
Elizabeth Halili, City Clerk

Approved as to Form:

By: _____
Kirk Ehlis, City Attorney