



PENINSULA METROPOLITAN PARK DISTRICT
PIERCE COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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PASSED: July 18, 2023

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WHEREAS, the Peninsula Metropolitan Park District (the “District”) owns and operates parks and recreation facilities, and provides recreation programming and services, in the Gig Harbor – Peninsula area, all of which require on-going funding; and

WHEREAS, RCW 35.61.210 authorizes the District to annually levy up to \$0.75 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation on property within the District to provide revenue for funding; and

WHEREAS, RCW 84.55.005-.0101 has limited the increase in property tax revenues to the District to 1% per year, a rate that has been less than the actual rate of inflation of the costs for providing parks, facilities and park and recreation services to the District’s residents; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Park Commissioners of the District (the “Board”) and District staff foresee that unless the District’s revenues keep pace with inflation and population growth, the District will not be able to acquire, provide, improve and maintain its parks, park facilities, programs and services as prioritized by the District’s residents including access to trails and open space, saltwater beaches and water-based recreation, parkland amenities that support diverse

recreational activities, and exceptional programming for all District residents, including our seniors, adults, youth, and vulnerable populations; and

WHEREAS, in order to have the funding sufficient to meet the needs of the District's residents, the Board of Park Commissioners (the "Board") finds it necessary to request the voters approve or reject a ballot proposition, pursuant to RCW 84.55.050(2), that authorizes the Board to levy its regular property tax in an amount that exceeds the limit factor that would otherwise be prescribed by RCW 84.55.010 for up to six consecutive years, during which period each year's authorized maximum legal levy shall be used as the base upon which an increased levy limit for the succeeding year is computed; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that it is in the best interest of the District and its residents that the maximum allowable levy in the sixth year of the levy authorized by this Resolution serve as the levy base for purposes of applying the limit factor established by RCW 84.55.010 in subsequent years.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS OF THE PENINSULA METROPOLITAN PARK DISTRICT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Findings. The Board hereby finds that it is in the best interests of the District and its residents that there is additional funds to acquire, provide, improve and maintain parks, park facilities, programs and services as prioritized by the District's residents including access to trails and open space, saltwater beaches and water-based recreation, parkland amenities that support diverse recreational activities, and exceptional programming for all the District's residents, including our seniors, adults, youth, and vulnerable populations.

In order to provide the revenue to fund the parks, amenities, programs and services described in Section 1, and to assure the continuation and improvement of those important public assets, programs and services, pursuant to RCW 84.55.050(2)(a), a proposition shall be included on the ballot of the November 7, 2023 general election, for the purpose of submitting to the qualified electors of the District, for their ratification or rejection, a proposition approving a permanent increase in the District's regular property tax levy exceeding the limit factor provided in RCW 84.55.005- .0101.

The proposition authorizes the District to continue to levy its regular property tax at a rate of \$0.75 per \$1,000 of assessed value in 2024 and to increase the levy amounts for the five succeeding years, subject to a limit factor of one hundred and six percent (106%) of the previous year (not to exceed \$0.75 per \$1,000 and otherwise applicable statutory limitations). The dollar amount levied in 2028 for collection in 2029 shall serve as the District's tax levy base for purposes of applying the limit factor established by RCW 84.55.010 in subsequent years.

Section 2. The proposition to be submitted to the qualified electors of the District for their ratification or rejection, at the November 7, 2023 general election, shall read substantially as follows:

**PENINSULA METROPOLITAN PARK DISTRICT
PIERCE COUNTY, WASHINGTON
PROPOSITION NO. 1**

RENEWING THE PARKS AND RECREATION LEVY FOR SIX YEARS

The Board of Park Commissioners of the Peninsula Metropolitan Park District adopted Resolution No. RR2023-009 concerning an increase in the District's regular property tax levy to provide, maintain and improve parks, park facilities and recreation programs and services. If approved, Proposition No. 1 will restore the District's regular property tax levy rate to the previous voter-approved rate of \$0.75/\$1,000 of assessed value for collection in 2024; allow annual increases of up to 6% for the five succeeding years and use the 2029 levy amount to calculate subsequent levy limits.

Should this proposition be:

APPROVED?

REJECTED?

Section 3. Local Voters' Pamphlet Authorized. The preparation and distribution of a local voters' pamphlet providing information on the foregoing ballot measure is hereby authorized. The pamphlet shall include an explanatory statement and arguments advocating approval and disapproval of the ballot measure, if any, in accordance with RCW 29A.32.280. The explanatory statement shall read substantially as follows:

Explanatory Statement

Since voters approved the formation of the Peninsula Metropolitan Park District (PenMet Parks) in 2004, PenMet Parks has been developing a comprehensive park and recreation system to meet its citizens' needs and is attempting to keep pace with the significant population growth experienced over the last two decades. Today, PenMet Parks serves more residents than ever before, yet the property tax levy rate was reduced from the \$.75/\$1,000 levy rate voters approved in 2017 to \$.58/\$1,000 because of annual limits. If the levy is restored to the rate previously approved by voters, PenMet Parks can maintain and enhance its current levels of service.

Renewing the levy would allow PenMet Parks to restore the \$.75/\$1,000 levy rate approved by voters and provide an annual limit of up to 6% for the next six years (but never to exceed \$.75/\$1,000 of assessed property value). Funds would be used for the priorities identified by PenMet Parks' citizens including: 1) providing, maintaining and improving parks, facilities and services; 2) developing more access to trails and open space, public shoreline, water-based recreation and park amenities that support multi-generational recreation opportunities; and 3) enhancing programs and services for our seniors, adults, youth and vulnerable populations.

Section 4. Minor Adjustments. For purposes of receiving notice of the exact language of the ballot proposition required by RCW 29A.36.080, the Board hereby designates (a) the

Executive Director and (b) Legal Counsel to the District as the designated representatives of the District to whom such notice should be provided. The District's Executive Director and Legal Counsel are authorized to make such minor adjustments to the wording of the proposition and explanatory statement as deemed appropriate or as may be recommended by the Pierce County Prosecuting Attorney's Office or the Pierce County Auditor and its Supervisor of Elections, as long as the intent of the proposition and explanatory statement remains clear and consistent with the intent of this Resolution as approved by the Board.

The Board Secretary is authorized to make necessary clerical corrections to this resolution including, but not limited to, the correction of scrivener's or clerical errors, references, numbering, section/subsection numbers, and any reference thereto.

The proper District officials are authorized to perform such duties as are necessary or required by law to submit the question of whether the regular property tax shall be increased, as provided in this resolution, to the electors at the November 7, 2023 election.

Section 5. In the event the proposition specified in Section 2 above is approved, the District shall levy and there shall be collected a regular tax on real property in the District at the rate of \$0.75 per \$1,000 assessed valuation for collection in 2024.

Section 6. The Secretary of the Board is hereby directed to deliver a certified copy of this Resolution to the Pierce County Auditor, as ex-officio Supervisor of Elections, on or before August 1, 2023, for inclusion of the proposition and explanatory statement in the November 7, 2023 general election.

Section 7. Severability. The recitals stated above (i.e., the "Whereas" clauses) constitute specific findings by the Board in support of the passage of this resolution. If any provision of this resolution is declared by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, then such provision shall be null and void and shall be separable from the remaining provisions of this

resolution and shall in no way affect the validity of the other provisions of this resolution or of any other resolution, or of the levy or collection of the taxes authorized herein.

Section 8. This resolution shall be in full force and effective from and after its adoption and approval.

ADOPTED by the Board of Park Commissioners of the Peninsula Metropolitan Park District, at a regular meeting thereof held this 18th day of July, 2023.

PENINSULA METROPOLITAN PARK DISTRICT



President, Board of Park Commissioners



Clerk, Board of Park Commissioners

ATTEST:



Secretary, Board of Park Commissioners

CERTIFICATE

I, the undersigned, Secretary of the Board of Park Commissioners of the Peninsula Metropolitan Park District (the “District”) and keeper of the records of the Board of Park Commissioners (herein called the “Board”), DO HEREBY CERTIFY:

1. That the attached resolution is a true and correct copy of Resolution No. R2023-009 of the Board (herein called the “Resolution”), duly adopted at a regular meeting thereof held on July 18, 2023.

2. That said meeting was duly convened and held in all respects in accordance with law, and to the extent required by law, due and proper notice of such meeting was given; that a legal quorum was present throughout the meeting and a legally sufficient number of members of the Board voted in the proper manner for the adoption of the Resolution; that all other requirements and proceedings incident to the proper adoption of the Resolution have been duly fulfilled, carried out and otherwise observed; and that I am authorized to execute this certificate.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand this 18th day of July, 2023.


Secretary, Board of Park Commissioners

FINAL 8/10/2023

**Peninsula Metropolitan Park District
Special Election - Proposition No. 1
Renewing the Parks and Recreation Levy for Six Years**

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Should Proposition No. 1 be:

Approved ...[]

Rejected ...[]