

**RESOLUTION NO. 1167**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EDMONDS, WASHINGTON, REQUESTING THE VOTERS SUPPORT A PROPOSITION TO RESTORE THE CITY'S EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES LEVY TO \$.50 PER \$1,000 OF ASSESSED VALUATION

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WHEREAS, the Edmonds' voters in 2002 approved an Emergency Medical Services (EMS) levy of \$.50 per \$1,000 in assessed valuation; and

WHEREAS, limitations on annual levies have eroded the amount the City may levy by approximately \$.18 (\$1.7 million), thereby reducing the voter authorized \$.50 to about \$.32; and

WHEREAS, EMS services comprise about 71% of the call volume for the Edmonds Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, the total budget of the Edmonds Fire Department for 2008 is \$8,034,353; adjusted by the deduction of Fire Prevention costs, the 2008 budget is \$7,776,734; and

WHEREAS, 71% of the adjusted total costs or \$5,521,481 represents an accurate estimate of the cost of Emergency Medical Services; and

WHEREAS, at the current eroded level of \$.32, the EMS levy will generate \$2,452,000 requiring a subsidy of \$3.069 million from the City's general fund; and

WHEREAS, restoration of the authorized levy to its original \$.50 level would generate an additional \$1.7 million reducing the required subsidy to about \$1,369,000 for 2009; and

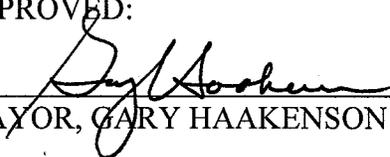
WHEREAS, the City's ability to provide essential services is seriously impaired by the need to subsidize Emergency Medical Services. NOW, THEREFORE,

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EDMONDS, WASHINGTON, calls for the support of the Edmonds voters for a levy lid lift to restore the EMS levy to the \$.50 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation. This levy lid lift restores the authority originally approved by the voters in 2002 and frees much needed general fund revenues for their original purposes. Restoring the EMS levy to the rate previously approved by voters generates far less revenue than the amount required to provide Emergency Medical Services to Edmonds citizens.

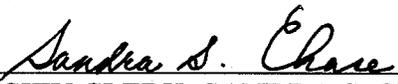
The City Council urges Edmonds citizens to vote and to vote yes on the levy lid lift for Emergency Medical Services on May 20, 2008. Emergency Medical Service is essential to maintaining a safe and livable city. Reducing the general fund subsidy enables the City to remain a full service city, providing the services its citizens expect and demand.

RESOLVED this 26th day of February, 2008.

APPROVED:

  
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MAYOR, GARY HAAKENSON

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATED:

  
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CITY CLERK, SANDRA S. CHASE

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