



TOWN OF APPLE VALLEY TOWN COUNCIL STAFF REPORT

To: Honorable Mayor and Town Council **Date:** February 25, 2014

From: Sid Hultquist, Fire Chief **Item No:** 6
Apple Valley Fire District

Subject: **ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2014-07 - A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF APPLE VALLEY SUPPORTING THE EXTENSION OF A TAX MEASURE ON THE JUNE 3, 2014 BALLOT FOR THE APPLE VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT.**

T.M. Approval: _____

Budgeted Item: Yes No N/A

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

That the Town Council Adopt Resolution No. 2014-07, A Resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Apple Valley supporting the extension of a Tax Measure on the June 3, 2014 Ballot for the Apple Valley Fire Protection District.

SUMMARY:

The Apple Valley Fire District is calling for an extension to its Tax Measure to be voted on at the Statewide Direct Primary Election to be held on June 3, 2014. The current tax measure, Measure V, is scheduled to expire in June 2017. Approval of the extension will allow the tax assessment to continue for an additional 20 years beyond the expiration date. The district is also seeking a minimal increase to the tax measure in the amount of \$1.99.

Passage of the proposed tax measure with the increase as recommended would allow the fire district to open a fourth fire station, decrease response times, increase much needed staffing, keep fire rates stabilized and provide financial stability for our community.

The proposed tax measure would cost homeowners approximately \$87.04 annually.

Based on the foregoing, staff recommends adoption of Resolution No. 2014-07.

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-07

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WHEREAS, the citizens residing in the Town of Apple Valley approved Measure V, a special tax, in 1997 to provide needed funding for the Fire District; and

WHEREAS, Measure V was a 20 year special tax that is scheduled to expire in June 2017; and

WHEREAS, due to increased population and a rise in service calls, the Apple Valley Fire District has a continual need for funding for maintenance and expansion to keep up with the rapid growth of the community; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Apple Valley Fire Protection District to extend the current tax for an additional 20 years; and

WHEREAS, the proposed tax measure would cost taxpayers an increased amount of \$1.99 for a proposed annual homeowner rate of \$87.04; and

WHEREAS, the extension and increase of a successful tax measure will allow the opening of a fourth fire station in the Town of Apple Valley; and

WHEREAS, the extension and increase of a successful tax measure would reduce response times for citizens in need of service; and

WHEREAS, the extension and increase of a successful tax measure would keep fire rates stabilized; and

WHEREAS, the extension and increase of a successful tax measure would increase daily on duty fire staffing; and

WHEREAS, the extension and increase of a successful tax measure would improve the surge capacity and response reliability of the Apple Valley Fire District and allow them to handle multiple simultaneous incidents which also reduces response times; and

WHEREAS, the extension and increase of a successful tax measure would provide for financial stability within our community; and

WHEREAS, the residents of the Town of Apple Valley deserve not only quality facilities from the Apple Valley Fire Protection District, but also confidence in their ability to provide timely assistance when in need of service.

WHEREAS, passage of this tax measure is crucial to the future success and operation of the Apple Valley Fire Protection District and the service that they provide to our community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Council of the Town of Apple Valley enthusiastically supports Apple Valley Fire Protection Districts call for an extension to its tax measure at an election to be held on June 3, 2014.

APPROVED and **ADOPTED** by the Town of Apple Valley this 25th day of February 2014.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

TOWN CLERK