

# **Agenda Item # 16b.**

**DATE: November 24, 2009**

**TITLE:** Ordinance Setting the EMS Property Tax Levy for 2010

**DEPARTMENT:** Support Services

**ORIGINATOR:** Dawn Masko, Assistant City Administrator

**PREVIOUS ACTIONS, DISCUSSION, AND/OR PRESENTATION:**

Budget workshops have been held on October 20<sup>th</sup>, October 27<sup>th</sup>, and November 4<sup>th</sup>, November 10<sup>th</sup>, and November 17<sup>th</sup> to discuss the 2010 Proposed Budget.

**BUDGET INFO:**

The 2010 proposed budget plans a total EMS property tax levy for collection in 2010 in the amount of \$553,192. This consists of a 1% statutorily limited property tax increase of \$5,316 over the current levy, and \$16,273 resulting from new construction and improvements. This is a total increase of \$21,589 over the current levy of \$531,603.

The 2010 increase equates to an increase from the current rate (\$0.4180/\$1,000) to \$0.4310 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation. Accordingly, a \$300,000 home would be assessed approximately \$129 for the year (as opposed to \$125 in 2009).

EMS property taxes are approximately 9.4% of the General Fund revenue budget.

**BACKGROUND:**

This is the second reading of an ordinance setting the EMS property tax levy for collection in 2010. Property tax levy certifications must be submitted to the Pierce County Assessor-Treasurer's office by November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2009.

**ALTERNATIVES:** None.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

"I move to adopt an Ordinance setting the 2010 EMS Property Tax Levy".

**ASSIGNED TO:** Assistant City Administrator

**CITY OF DUPONT  
WASHINGTON  
ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

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**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF DuPONT, PIERCE COUNTY, WASHINGTON, RELATING TO EMS LEVY PROPERTY TAXES; ESTABLISHING THE AMOUNT IN 2010 BY TAXATION ON ASSESSED VALUATION OF THE PROPERTY OF THE CITY; AND SETTING THE EMS LEVY RATE FOR THE YEAR 2010.**

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of DuPont has properly given notice of the public hearings held on November 10, 2009 and November 24, 2009 to consider the City's current expense budget for the 2010 calendar year, pursuant to RCW 84.55.120; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of DuPont's actual levy amount from the previous year was \$531,602.94; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council attests that the City of DuPont population is 7,650; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of DuPont, after hearing and after duly considering all relevant evidence and testimony presented, has determined that the City of DuPont should enact an increase in property tax revenue from the previous year, in addition to the increase resulting from the addition of new construction and improvements to property and any increase in the value of state-assessed property, and amounts authorized by law as a result of any annexations that have occurred and refunds made, in order to discharge the expected expenses and obligations of the district and in its best interest; now therefore,

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the City Council of the City of DuPont that an increase in the EMS property tax levy is hereby authorized for the 2010 levy in the amount of \$5,316.03 which is a percentage increase of 1.00% from the previous year. This increase is exclusive of additional revenue resulting from the addition of new construction, improvements to property, any increase in the value of state assessed property, and any annexations that have occurred and refunds made. The expected EMS tax levy rate is \$0.4310 per thousand dollars of assessed value.

**PASSED** at the regular meeting of the Council of the City of DuPont, this 24<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2009 by a majority of the members.

CITY OF DUPONT

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Tamara Jenkins, Mayor

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATED:

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Erin Larsen, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Shelley Kerslake, City Attorney

Ordinance No.:

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Passed by the City Council:

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