

Superstition Fire & Medical District Governing Board Work Session Agenda

PURSUANT TO A.R.S. §38.431.02

Notice is hereby given to the general public that the Superstition Fire & Medical District Governing Board will hold a meeting on **Wednesday, July 6, 2016**. The meeting will be held at the Superstition Fire & Medical District's Administration Office, located at 565 N. Idaho Rd., Apache Junction, Arizona. The meeting will be open to the public and will begin at 4:00 p.m. local time.

AGENDA:

- A. Call to Order
- B. Pledge of Allegiance
- C. Roll Call

The following agenda items are scheduled for discussion at the board meeting. The Governing Board may or may not decide to take action on any or all items. The order of the agenda items may or may not be taken in the order listed.

1. Discussion, presentation(s), and possible action or approval regarding future funding/revenue alternatives such as a proceeding with a bond or an override election. **(BOD #2016-07-01)**
2. Call to the Public.
A.R.S. §38-431.01(H) A public body may make an open call to the public during a public meeting, subject to reasonable time, place, and manner restrictions, to all individuals to address the public body on any issue within the jurisdiction of the public body. At the conclusion of an open call to the public, individual members of the public body may respond to criticism made by those who have addressed the public body, may ask staff to review a matter, or may ask that a matter be put on a future agenda. However, members of the public body shall not discuss or take legal action on matters raised during an open call to the public unless the matters are properly noticed for discussion and legal action.
3. Discussion and possible approval of Resolution 2016-07: Call of Election regarding an Override, along with letters of intent to hold election, and Maricopa County Service Menu Agreement. **(BOD #2016-07-02)**
4. Adjourn **(BOD #2016-07-03)**

NOTICE: The governing board may go into executive session for the purpose of obtaining legal advice from the fire district's attorney(s) on any of the above agenda items pursuant to A.R.S. 38-431.03(A)(3).

One or more members of the governing board may attend the meeting telephonically.

Governing Board meeting agenda dated and posted (at least 24 hours before the scheduled meeting date and time):

Posted on July 5, 2016

At: 1530 Hours

By: Jasmin Jones

The Superstition Fire & Medical District (SFMD) Administrative Office Board Meeting Room is accessible to the handicapped. In compliance with the American with Disabilities Act (ADA), those with special needs, such as large-type face print or other reasonable accommodations may request those through the SFMD Administration Office (480-982-4440) at least twenty-four hours before the board meeting.



Governing Board Meeting – July 6, 2016

Agenda Item: 1

BOD#: 2016-07-01

Agenda Item Title:

Discussion, presentation(s), and possible action or approval regarding future funding/revenue alternatives such as proceeding with a bond or an override election.

Submitted By:

Fire Chief Paul Bourgeois

Background/Discussion:

On Monday, June 27, 2016, the SFMD Board of Directors met in a Work Session to discuss potential alternative funding sources. Three alternatives were evaluated:

1. Hold an Override Election for a 5-year tax rate override to a maximum of \$3.50, with the money collected to provide funds for capital needs.
2. Pursue a new GADA bond whose proceeds would be used to pay off the existing 2006 GADA Bond and provide capital funds for future capital needs.
3. Not pursue either option above.

After discussing the positives and negatives of each option, the Board expressed a desire to look into an Override Election as provided for in ARS §48-807 as amended by SB 1244, Sec. 5., signed into law Chapter 219, Fifty-Second Legislature, Second Regular Session, 2016 (SB 1244). An Override Election would mean that the qualified electors of the SFMD would decide whether the SFMD's Board will be empowered to increase the current maximum tax rate of \$3.25 to a maximum of \$3.50 for five (5) years beginning with Fiscal Year 2017/18 in accordance with SB 1244. The Override election would be held on the 8th day of November, 2016.

Financial Impact(s)/Budget Line Item:

The tentative tax rate (set for Board approval at the 7/13/16 Board Meeting) for the Superstition Fire & Medical District is \$3.25 per \$100.00 dollars of assessed value. A home with an assessed value of \$100,000 that is taxed at 10% of the assessed Limited Property Value pays \$325.00 to the Superstition Fire & Medical District annually.

If the voters approve this override, the Board will have the discretion based on the District's needs to increase the tax rate for SFMD to a maximum tax rate of \$3.50 per \$100.00 of assessed value. At the maximum rate of \$3.50, the annual property tax cost for a home with an assessed value of \$100,000 would be \$350.00. Therefore the maximum cost of this override to a property owner would be \$25.00 per year per \$100,000 of assessed value for each of the 5 years the override is in effect.

Recommended Motion:

"The Superstition Fire & Medical District Board of Directors authorize the holding of an Override Election on the 8th Day of November 2016 as provided for in ARS §48-807 as amended by SB 1244, Sec. 5., signed into law Chapter 219, Fifty-Second Legislature, Second Regular Session, 2016, with the intent to increase the Fire District levy limit for five years not to exceed \$3.50 per \$100 of assessed valuation on properties within the boundaries of the Fire District."



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Agenda Item: 2

BOD#: 2016-07-n/a

Agenda Item Title:

Call to the Public

A.R.S. §38-431.01(H):

A public body may make an open call to the public during a public meeting, subject to reasonable time, place and manner restrictions, to allow individuals to address the public body on any issue within the jurisdiction of the public body.

At the conclusion of an open call to the public, individual members of the public body may respond to criticism made by those who have addressed the public body, may ask staff to review a matter or may ask that a matter be put on a future agenda.

However, members of the public body shall not discuss or take legal action on matters raised during an open call to the public unless the matters are properly noticed for discussion and legal action.

Background / Discussion:

Call to the Public is provided so citizens may address the public body (Governing Board) with matters concerning the fire district. Arizona public meeting law provides that the public body may discuss, consider, or decide only matters listed on the agenda and other matters related thereto. Since the public body will generally not know what specific matters may be raised at call to the public, they will be unable to act until the matter is placed on a subsequent meeting agenda (at the board's discretion). The board may also direct staff to follow up on the issue with the citizen.

Scheduled:

None



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Governing Board Meeting – July 6, 2016

Agenda Item: 3

BOD#: 2016-07-02

Agenda Item Title:

Discussion and possible approval of Resolution 2016-07 Call of Election regarding an Override, along with letters of intent to hold election, and Maricopa County Service Menu Agreement.

Submitted By:

Fire Chief Paul Bourgeois

Background/Discussion:

This resolution is necessary to call for an election to be held on November 8, 2016, if Agenda Item #1 is passed during this board meeting, for the purpose of holding an override election. The letters of intent to hold an election are also necessary to notify Maricopa and Pinal Counties. The Maricopa County Service Menu Agreement, is necessary to place the override on the Maricopa County ballots in the areas we cover.

Staff Recommendation:

Approval of Resolution 2016-07: Call of Election, Letters of Intent, and the Maricopa County Service Menu Agreement

Financial Impact:

N/A

Enclosure(s):

Resolution 2016-07: Call of Election

*Letters and Maricopa Menu to be provided at Board Work Session

Recommended Motion:

“Motion to approve Resolution 2016-07: Call of Election in regards to an override, to proceed with the letters of intent to Pinal and Maricopa Counties, and to approve the Maricopa County Service Menu Agreement.”



RESOLUTION 2016-07
Superstition Fire & Medical District
CALL OF ELECTION

Notice is hereby given to all qualified electors of the above district that an election, to decide whether the Superstition Fire & Medical District Board of Directors will be empowered to increase the current maximum tax rate of \$3.25 to \$3.50 for five (5) years beginning with Fiscal Year 2017/18 in accordance with Senate Bill SB 1244, will be held on the 8TH day of November, 2016.

Pursuant to Senate Bill 1244 and Arizona Revised Statutes §48-807, the following required information is provided:

There are several purposes to be served by requesting additional secondary property tax revenue for the District. The additional revenues will allow for the purchase of a fire engine that is two years overdue for replacement, replace three staff vehicles due to age and mileage, allow for expansion and remodeling of apparatus bays at station 262, allow for much needed and overdue repairs and maintenance to the fire stations, allow for replacement of outdated cardiac heart monitors, and allow for the replacement of outdated firefighters' protective gear and equipment.

If the voters approve this override, the current tax rate for the Superstition Fire & Medical District will go from \$3.25 per \$100.00 dollars of assessed value to \$3.50 per \$100.00 of assessed value. For an example, residential property is taxed at 10% of the assessed Limited Property Value, currently a home with an assessed value of \$100,000 pays \$325.00 to the Superstition Fire & Medical District annually. If the voters approve this override, the rate will be increased to \$3.50, and the home owner would pay \$350.00 annually to the Superstition Fire & Medical District for a total increase of \$25.00 a year.

The total current dollar amount that a rate of \$3.25 would yield to the Superstition Fire & Medical District based on the 2016 Net Assessed Valuation would be \$11,847,739. An increase in the rate from \$3.25 to \$3.50 would yield an additional \$911,365 to the Superstition Fire & Medical District, based on 2016 Net Assessed Valuation, for a total estimated yield to the Superstition Fire & Medical District of \$12,759,104.

In order to vote in this election, you must be a qualified elector of this state who has registered to vote at least 29 days prior to the election as a resident within the district boundaries.

Dated the 6th day of July, 2016.

Jeff Cross
Board of Directors, Chairman
Superstition Fire & Medical District