

**RESOLUTION NO.**

**16-28**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HUDSON,  
COLORADO, ADVOCATING VOTER SUPPORT OF THE HUDSON FIRE  
PROTECTION DISTRICT'S BALLOT ISSUE 5B TO INCREASE PROPERTY  
TAXES**

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Hudson, Colorado (the "Town"), is a municipal corporation duly organized and operating as a home rule municipality under the Constitution and laws of the State of Colorado;

**WHEREAS**, the Hudson Fire Protection District (the "Fire Department") is a political subdivision of the State of Colorado, duly organized to provide fire suppression, fire prevention and public education, rescue, hazardous materials and emergency medical services (collectively, "Emergency Services") to the citizens and property within its jurisdiction;

**WHEREAS**, the Town lies within the Fire Department's jurisdiction and the Town's citizens and property within that area receive critical, life-saving Emergency Services from the Fire Department;

**WHEREAS**, the community's need for Emergency Services has increased substantially in recent years, stretching the Fire Department's financial resources to their limits. Despite an increased demand for Emergency Services, and an increase in the Fire Department's expenditures to meet that demand, the Fire Department has not increased its property tax rate in over 24 years;

**WHEREAS**, the Weld County Assessors' Office has notified the Fire Department that the assessed valuation of the taxable property within the Fire Department will drop by approximately 50% in 2016, resulting in a loss of approximately \$1,399,239.86 in revenue in 2017. This loss will cut the Fire Department's operating budget in half in 2017;

**WHEREAS**, the Fire Department's Board of Directors has determined the Fire Department will need to increase its property tax by 2.5 mills to generate close to the amount of revenue it will otherwise lose in 2017. If the Fire Department cannot recapture most of the \$1.4 million it is projected to lose in 2017, the Fire Department will not be able to continue providing the same level of high quality Emergency Services to the Town's citizens and property that it has historically provided;

**WHEREAS**, during the November 8, 2016 coordinated election, the voters will be asked to support the Fire Department's Ballot Issue 5B, which will increase the Fire Department's property tax by 2.5 mills to generate close to the amount of revenue it will otherwise lose in 2017.

**WHEREAS**, the Colorado Fair Campaign Practices Act, C.R.S. § 1-45-117(1)(b)(III)(A), expressly authorizes the Town's Council to adopt a Resolution advocating voter support of the Fire Department's Ballot Issue \_5B\_; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Town Council has determined it is important to the health, safety and welfare of the Town's citizens and property that rely upon the Emergency Services provided by the Fire Department that the Council adopt this Resolution urging all eligible voters to vote in favor of the Fire Department's Ballot Issue \_5B\_ during the November 8, 2016 Election.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HUDSON, WELD COUNTY, COLORADO:**

Section 1. The Town Council acknowledges the need to increase the Hudson Fire Protection District's mill levy if it is to provide quality emergency services at the current level of service.

Section 2. That the Town Council supports passage of the Hudson Fire Protection District Ballot Question 5B, increasing property tax rates by 2.5 mills for the purpose of increasing funding the District's services.

**INTRODUCED, READ AND ADOPTED** this 5th day of October, 2016.



**TOWN OF HUDSON**

  
Ray Patch, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Rebecca Utecht, Town Clerk