

**RESOLUTION  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE  
EVANS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**

A RESOLUTION URGING VOTERS TO APPROVE THE FIRE DISTRICT'S PROPERTY TAX BALLOT ISSUE DURING THE MAY 8, 2012 ELECTION

**WHEREAS**, at the November 2011 election, the voters approved creating the Evans Fire Protection District ("**Fire District**") to provide critical, life-saving fire and emergency services to the City of Evans' ("**City**") citizens;

**WHEREAS**, the final step in establishing the Fire District as the sole provider of fire and emergency services to the City's citizens is to move part of the City's property tax to the District ("**Property Tax Transfer**"), so that the City's payments to the Fire District will be dramatically reduced, and the Fire District will collect almost all of its funding directly from the citizens it serves;

**WHEREAS**, the City already has committed to reducing its property tax by 10 mills if the voters approve the Fire District's request to increase its property tax by 10 mills. On February 21, the City Council approved on first reading (and on March 6, 2012, is expected to finally adopt) a legally binding Ordinance that states:

The City of Evans mill levy of 13.536 mills shall be reduced by ten (10) mills, conditioned on the Fire District's voters approving an increase in the Fire District's mill levy by ten (10) mills. The decrease in the City's mill levy shall be effective beginning in the levy year in which the Fire District's voters approve its mill levy increase, for reduction in City tax collections beginning in the year immediately following the year in which the Fire District's voters approve its mill levy increase.

**WHEREAS**, the City Ordinance requires the City to lower its property taxes at the same time the Fire District's property taxes are increased. If, for any reason, the City's property taxes are not lowered, the Fire District's taxes will not be increased;

**WHEREAS**, the Property Tax Transfer will not increase taxes:

| Residential Property Value |                 | City Property Taxes | District Property Taxes | Total Property Taxes | Increase |
|----------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|----------|
| Avg. Mobile Home           | Before Transfer | \$42.23             | \$17.16                 | \$59.39              | \$0      |
|                            | After Transfer  | \$11.03             | \$48.36                 | \$59.39              |          |
| \$100,000 Home             | Before Transfer | \$107.75            | \$43.78                 | \$151.53             | \$0      |
|                            | After Transfer  | \$28.15             | \$123.38                | \$151.53             |          |

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| \$175,000 Home | Before Transfer | \$188.56 | \$76.62  | \$265.18 | \$0 |
|                | After Transfer  | \$49.26  | \$215.92 | \$265.18 |     |
| \$250,000 Home | Before Transfer | \$269.37 | \$109.45 | \$378.82 | \$0 |
|                | After Transfer  | \$70.37  | \$308.45 | \$378.82 |     |

| Commercial Property Value           |                 | City Property Taxes | District Property Taxes | Total Property Taxes | Increase |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|----------|
| Retail Store<br>(4,135 sq. feet)    | Before Transfer | \$2,271.58          | \$923.00                | \$3,194.58           | \$0      |
|                                     | After Transfer  | \$593.40            | \$2,601.18              | \$3,194.58           |          |
| Mobile Home<br>Community (112 lots) | Before Transfer | \$2,367.57          | \$962.00                | \$3,329.57           | \$0      |
|                                     | After Transfer  | \$618.48            | \$2,711.09              | \$3,329.57           |          |
| Strip Mall<br>(26,782 sq. feet)     | Before Transfer | \$5,781.09          | \$2,349.00              | \$8,130.09           | \$0      |
|                                     | After Transfer  | \$1,510.19          | \$6,619.90              | \$8,130.09           |          |
| Apartment Complex<br>(13 Buildings) | Before Transfer | \$11,378.90         | \$4,623.52              | \$16,002.42          | \$0      |
|                                     | After Transfer  | \$2,972.50          | \$13,029.92             | \$16,002.42          |          |

**WHEREAS**, after the Property Tax Transfer is approved, neither the City nor the Fire District can raise its property tax (or any other type of tax) without the voters' prior approval at an election;

**WHEREAS**, if the voters do not approve the Property Tax Transfer, the City will continue to own all of the fire stations, training facilities, and fire trucks. Even the firefighters will continue to be employed by the City. It is critical that the voters approve the Property Tax Transfer, so that the fire stations, training facilities, fire trucks, and firefighters can be transferred to the Fire District.

**WHEREAS**, approving the Property Tax Transfer will:

- ✓ Provide a stable and predictable source of money for critical, life-saving fire and emergency services;
- ✓ Enable the Fire District to collect money directly from the citizens, instead of having to go through the City;
- ✓ Avoid other City departments (*i.e.*, public works, park and recreation, *etc.*) competing for the fire and emergency services money;
- ✓ Give the Fire District greater autonomy and control in providing the fire and emergency services;
- ✓ Avoid the City needlessly incurring administrative costs in collecting and managing the money, and paying it to the Fire District; and

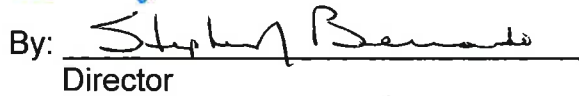
- ✓ Enable the City to use its sales and use tax revenue to pay for improvements to other City services, such as police, parks and recreation, and public works.


**NOW THEREFORE**, the Board of Directors of the Evans Fire Protection District hereby takes an official position of advocacy urging its voters to approve the attached Ballot Issue during the May 8, 2012 Election.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 27th day of February, 2012.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE  
EVANS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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**ATTACHMENT**

**BALLOT ISSUE**

SHALL EVANS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT TAXES BE INCREASED \$1,093,040 (FIRST FULL FISCAL YEAR DOLLAR INCREASE) ANNUALLY BEGINNING IN LEVY YEAR 2012 (FOR COLLECTION IN 2013) BY INCREASING THE DISTRICT'S EXISTING TAX BY 10 MILLS, WHICH TAX INCREASE WILL BE OFFSET AS A RESULT OF THE CITY OF EVANS HAVING PASSED AN ORDINANCE ON MARCH 6, 2012 DECREASING ITS PROPERTY TAX BY 10 MILLS BEGINNING IN LEVY YEAR 2012 (FOR REDUCTION IN 2013); PROVIDED THAT,

- THE DISTRICT'S TAX RATE SHALL NOT THEREAFTER BE INCREASED WITHOUT THE VOTERS' PRIOR APPROVAL; AND
- ALL REVENUE AND PROPERTY TAX REVENUE FROM THE 10 MILLS AND ANY EARNINGS ON THIS TAX, SHALL CONSTITUTE A PERMANENT VOTER-APPROVED REVENUE CHANGE WITHIN THE MEANING OF ARTICLE X, SECTION 20 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION AND AN EXCEPTION TO LIMITATIONS SET FORTH IN SECTION 29-1-301 OF THE COLORADO REVISED STATUTES AND ANY OTHER LAW?

\_\_\_\_\_ YES

\_\_\_\_\_ NO