



# 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 GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND 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 General Obligation Bond 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 General Obligation Bond to be voted on at the Statewide Direct Primary Election to be held on June 3, 2014. The current 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 bond in the amount of \$1.99.

Passage of the proposed bond 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 bond 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 bond 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 bond 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 bond measure would reduce response times for citizens in need of service; and

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

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

**WHEREAS**, the extension and increase of a successful bond 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 bond 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 bond 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 general obligation bond at an election to be held on June 3, 2014.

**APPROVED AND ADOPTED** by the Town of Apple Valley this 25<sup>th</sup> day of February 2014.

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MAYOR

ATTEST:

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TOWN CLERK