#### **RESOLUTION 2024 - 05**

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE HARTSEL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

# A RESOLUTION APPROVING BALLOT ISSUE LANGUAGE FOR A MILL LEVY INCREASE FOR THE November 5, 2024 REGULAR DISTRICT ELECTION

WHEREAS, by Resolution dated July 12, 2024 the Board of Directors of the Hartsel Fire Protection District (the "District") initiated the potential submittal of a ballot issue to the District electors at the November 5, 2024 General election which requires action by the Board of Directors to determine to proceed with such ballot, finalize and set the title for the ballot (the "Election"); and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Directors of the District hereby determines that the language of such ballot issues shall be as set forth herein.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** be it resolved by the Board of Directors of the Hartsel Fire Protection District in the County of Park, State of Colorado that:

- 1. The ballot titles for the tax levy increase and revenue and spending authorizations shall be in substantially the form shown on Exhibit A attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference.
- 2. Pursuant to Section 1-11-203 .5, C.R.S., any election contest arising out of a ballot issue election concerning the order of the ballot or the form or content of the ballot title shall be commenced by a petition filed with the proper court within five (5) days after the title of the ballot issue is set.
- 3. If any part or provision of this Resolution is adjudged to be unenforceable or invalid, such judgment shall not affect, impair, or invalidate the remaining provisions of this Resolution, it being the Board's intention that the various provisions hereof are severable.
- 4. All acts, orders, and resolutions, or parts thereof, of the Board which are inconsistent or in conflict with this Resolution are hereby repealed to the extent only of such inconsistency or conflict.
  - 5. The provisions of this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

ADOPTED this 12th day of July, 2024.

## HARTSEL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Board Chair

ATTEST:

Secretary

### **EXHIBIT A TO ELECTION RESOLUTION**

## HARTSEL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BALLOT ISSUE - MILL LEVY INCREASE

SHALL HARTSEL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT TAXES BE INCREASED \$1,054,469.00 (FINAL, FULL FISCAL YEAR DOLLAR INCREASE) ANNUALLY BY INCREASING THE FIRE DISTRICT'S EXISTING TAX BY 2.0 MILLS IN LEVY YEAR 2024 (FOR COLLECTION IN 2025), THEN BY 2.0 MILLS IN EACH LEVY YEAR 2025, 2026, AND 2027 (FOR COLLECTION IN 2026, 2027, AND 2028, RESPECTIVELY), FOR A TOTAL TAX INCREASE OF 8.0 MILLS, FOR THE PURPOSES OF PROVIDING FIRE PROTECTION, EMERGENCY MEDICAL RESPONSE, EXTRICATION AND RESCUE, SAFETY, AND SUPPORT SERVICES FOR THE RESIDENTS, PROPERTY OWNERS, AND BUSINESSES SERVED BY THE FIRE DISTRICT, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO:

- INCREASING THE NUMBER OF PERSONNEL TO PERMIT FULL-TIME STAFFING OF FIRE STATIONS;
- REPLACING AGING FIRE TRUCKS AND PURCHASING ADDITIONAL EQUIPMENT AS NEEDED TO MEET COMMUNITY DEMAND FOR EMERGENCY SERVICES:
- CONSTRUCTING NEW FIRE STATIONS;
- MAINTAINING AND GROWING A CAPITAL RESERVE FUND TO PROVIDE FOR FUTURE NEEDS; AND
- MEETING THE INCREASING COSTS OF ADMINISTERING AND OPERATING THE FIRE DISTRICT AND THE EMERGENCY SERVICES IT PROVIDES;

AND SHALL ALL REVENUE AND ANY EARNINGS ON THIS PHASED-IN PROPERTY TAX CONSTITUTE A PERMANENT VOTER-APPROVED REVENUE CHANGE WITHIN THE MEANING OF ARTICLE X, SECTION 20 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION, AND AN EXCEPTION TO THE LIMITATIONS SET FORTH IN SECTION 29-1-301 OF THE COLORADO REVISED STATUTES, AND ANY OTHER LAW