# SEATTLE PARK DISTRICT
# KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

## RESOLUTION 7

A RESOLUTION authorizing the levy of regular property taxes by The Seattle Park District for collection in 2016, representing an increase above the regular property taxes levied for collection in 2015.

WHEREAS, the Seattle Park District is a metropolitan park district authorized under chapter 35.61 RCW with statutory powers including the power to levy and impose various taxes and fees to generate revenues to maintain, operate and improve parks, community centers, pools, and other recreation facilities and programs; and

WHEREAS, on August 19, 2014, King County certified voter approval of the Seattle Park District, a district with the same boundaries as the City of Seattle; and

WHEREAS, RCW 84.09.030 provides that no property tax may be collected for any taxing district whose boundaries are not fixed as of August 1 of the calendar year preceding collection (i.e., August 1, 2014 for calendar year 2015 collections); and

WHEREAS, because the District's boundaries were not established prior to August 1, 2014, the first property tax collections for the District will commence in 2016; and

WHEREAS, to increase regular property taxes, RCW 84.55.120, as approved by the voters of the State of Washington in "Referendum 47" on November 4, 1997, requires the District to enact a separate resolution indicating the change in taxes from the previous year in terms of percentage and total amount; and

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WHEREAS, The Seattle Park District proposes to make its first regular property tax levy for collection in 2016 in the amount reflected in the companion resolution to this resolution, which is commonly known as the "Long Property Tax Resolution"; and

WHEREAS, the Long Property Tax Resolution for 2016 authorizes an increase above the zero amount of regular property taxes levied for collection in 2015; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to RCW 84.55.120, after proper notice was given, the Seattle Park District held a public hearing on November 16, 2015, to consider The Seattle Park District's 2016 budget and the regular property tax levy to support it; and

WHEREAS, notice of the Seattle Park District's consideration of this resolution has been provided in the usual manner for other proposed Seattle Park District resolutions; NOW, THEREFORE,

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE SEATTLE PARK DISTRICT, KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON THAT:**

Section 1. Regular property taxes for collection in 2016 are authorized in the amount reflected in the Resolution introduced as District Resolution 8. Not including increases resulting from the addition of new construction, construction of wind turbine facilities classified as personal property, improvements to property, and any increase in the value of state-assessed property, the regular property tax levy for 2016 collection represents an increase above regular property taxes levied for collection in 2015 (excluding the "refund fund levy" in both instances) of $47,798,348, which is an incalculable percentage increase over the previous year's levy of zero.

Section 2. This resolution shall take effect on passage.

Adopted by the Seattle Park District this 23rd day of NOVEMBER, 2015, and signed by me in open session in authentication of its adoption this 23rd day of NOVEMBER, 2015.

President, Seattle Park District

ATTEST:

City Clerk for Monica Simmons