

PROPOSED RESOLUTION 22-07

A Resolution calling for an election and placing a ballot referendum to the people during the General Election in Faulkner County, Arkansas, on the question of increasing fire dues for the Cato Volunteer Fire Department; and prescribing other matters pertaining thereto.

WHEREAS: The Quorum Court, after a request was filed by the Cato Volunteer Fire Department, decided on August 16, 2022, that it is appropriate to call for an election on the issue of the levy of the volunteer fire department dues; and

WHEREAS: The Quorum Court is charged with the responsibility to request an election on the issue of the levy of volunteer fire department dues; and

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Quorum Court of Faulkner County, Arkansas, that:

Article 1: That there be, and is hereby called, an election to be held on November 8, 2022, at which election there shall be submitted to the electors of the Cato Volunteer Fire Department Area ESN 321 the question of the levy of Volunteer Fire Department Dues.

Article 2: That the question of an increase of the levy of Volunteer Fire Department Dues for the Cato Volunteer Fire Department area ESN 321 shall be placed on the ballot for the election in substantially the following form:

Vote on the measure by placing an “X” in the square opposite the measure either for or against:

ELECTION OF THE CATO VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

An election to consider the dues levied by the Cato VFD shall be collected annually in the respective amounts of \$25.00 per unimproved property and not to exceed 40 acres, \$5.00 per additional 40 acres not to exceed \$50.00 total, \$50.00 per improved noncommercial property, \$50.00 per commercial property up to 5,000 sq. ft., \$75.00 per commercial property in excess of 5,000 sq. ft., however, this amount may be amended as permitted by the policies, rules, and/or regulations set by the Cato VFD and all applicable Local and State laws or regulations.

For..... []

Against []

- Article 3: That the election shall be held and conducted and the vote canvassed and the results declared under the law and in the manner now provided for county elections unless otherwise provided in Title 26, Chapter 74, Subchapter 2 of the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated (the “Authorizing Legislation”) and only qualified voters of the County shall have the right to vote at the election.
- Article 4: A copy of this Resolution shall be provided to the Faulkner County Board of Election Commissioners so that the necessary election officials and supplies may be procured. The Commissioners and County Judge are authorized and requested to take prompt actions in compliance with A.C.A. §26-74-209 in the event the measure is approved by the electors.
- Article 5: That the results of the elections shall be proclaimed by the County Court, and this Proclamation shall be published one time in a newspaper having general circulation in the County.
- Article 6: That the County Judge and Quorum Court, for and on behalf of the County, be, and they are hereby authorized and directed to do any and all things necessary to call and hold the election as herein provided and, if the levy of the Volunteer Fire Department dues is approved by the electors, to cause the Volunteer Fire Department Dues to be collected in accordance with the Authorizing Legislation, and to perform all acts of whatever nature necessary in a timely fashion to carry out the authority conferred by this Ordinance.
- Article 7: That all ordinances and/or resolutions and parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF THE COUNTY OF FAULKNER, STATE OF ARKANSAS, THAT THIS BODY CALLS AN ELECTION FOR THE ELECTORS OF THE AREA ESN 321 TO APPROVE THE RECENTLY PASSED LEVY OF VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT DUES.

Approved by the Quorum Court on August 16, 2022

Attest: _____
Margaret Darter
Faulkner County Clerk
Faulkner County, Arkansas

Affirm: _____
James Baker
Faulkner County Judge
Faulkner County, Arkansas

Dated: August 16, 2022

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CERTIFICATE

The undersigned, County Clerk of Faulkner County, Arkansas, hereby certifies that the foregoing pages are a true and perfect copy of Resolution No. _____, passed at a regular session of the Quorum Court of Faulkner County, Arkansas, held at the regular meeting place of the Quorum Court at _____ o'clock p.m. on the 16th day of August, 2022, and that the Ordinance is of record in the County Clerk's records, now in my possession.

GIVEN under my hand and seal this _____ day of August, 2022.

County Clerk