WHEREAS, Proposition 1 of the City of Prosser – Benton County Fire Protection District No. 3 will be presented to the voters of the City of Prosser and Benton County Fire Protection District No. 3 at the General Election on November 2, 2010, with the following official ballot title:

City of Prosser
Benton County Fire Protection District No. 3
Proposition 1

The City of Prosser and Benton County Fire Protection District No. 3 have adopted a Joint Resolution approving the Prosser Regional Fire Authority Plan (“Plan”) concerning creation of the Prosser Regional Fire Authority (“Authority”), effective July 1, 2011.

If this measure is approved, it would approve the Plan and create the Prosser Regional Fire Authority to provide regional fire protection and emergency medical services funded with property taxes (up to $1.50/$1,000 assessed value) and other sources identified in the Plan. The 2012 Authority Levy is expected to be approximately $0.97/$1,000 assessed value; City and District levies would be reduced to offset the Authority’s levy. Fire benefit charges and additional voted taxes may be collected only upon future supermajority voter approval.

Should the Plan for and formation of the Prosser Regional Fire Authority be approved? Yes [ ] No [ ] ; and

WHEREAS, the City of Prosser entered into an Interlocal Agreement in 2002 with Benton County Fire Protection District No. 3, creating a separate entity to provide services funded through contributions from both parties; and

WHEREAS, as provided in RCW 42.17.130, the City Council of the City of Prosser desires to show its support of Proposition 1 of the City of Prosser and Benton County Fire Protection District No. 3.
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Prosser as follows:

1. That the City Council, after calling for public comment at a duly noticed public hearing, hereby supports Proposition 1 of the City of Prosser and Benton County Fire Protection District No. 3 at the November 2, 2010 General Election.

ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Prosser and APPROVED by the Mayor of the City of Prosser this 14th day of September, 2010.

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MAYOR PAUL WARDEN

ATTEST:

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City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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City Attorney