

# **TOWN OF SOUTH PRAIRIE** **WASHINGTON**



## **FISCAL YEAR 2015 BUDGET**

**Mayor: Anthony Caldwell**  
**Council Member, Position # 1: Stu Terry**  
**Council Member, Position #2: Roy Hanson**  
**Council Member, Position #3: Vacant**  
**Council Member, Position #4: Vicky Watkins**  
**Council Member, Position #5: Barbara Wigton**

**Clerk/Treasurer: Marla Nevill**  
**Deputy Clerk/Treasurer: Judy Tremblay**  
**Utilities Department: Kirk Elliott (Contracted)**  
**Building Official: Pierce County Planning and Land Services (Contracted)**  
**Animal Control – Pierce County (Contracted)**  
**Town Attorney: Porter Foster Rorick, Attorneys at Law (Contracted)**  
**Town Planner: Mart Kask, Kask Consulting, Inc. (Contracted)**  
**Town Engineers: JK Knowles and James Morgan (Contracted)**  
**Law Enforcement: Pierce County Sheriff's Department (Contracted)**  
**Fire Department and EMS: East Pierce Fire and Rescue (Contracted)**



## TOWN OF SOUTH PRAIRIE

121 NW Washington Street  
PO Box 870  
South Prairie, WA 98385

January 8, 2015

*Dear Mayor, Town Council and  
Citizens of the Town of South Prairie:*

In 2013, we received grant funds from the Washington Department of Ecology (WDOE) to finish the work on the Shoreline Master Program (SMP) Update. The Town of South Prairie submitted the final SMP Update document to WDOE for final review and approval in November 2012. Washington Department of Ecology submitted “Required” and “Recommended” changes to the SMP in October 2013; and we are still working with the Department of Ecology to finalize the update.

In an effort to benefit our utility customers in the future, the South Prairie Town Council negotiated the transfer of the Water and Sewer System Utilities to Valley Water District. Valley Water District withdrew from negotiations; so the Town of South Prairie will continue to provide these utility services to our citizens.

We received a grant from Washington Department of Commerce to update our Comprehensive Land Use, Development Regulations and Critical Areas Code; and we are still working on completing these updates.

In 2014, we replaced the water tank for our Water System. This was paid for from our reserves and funding for Capital Improvement Projects.

We will continue to contract out the following services in 2015: 1) East Pierce Fire and Rescue for fire protection and Emergency Medical Services (EMS); 2) Pierce County Sheriff’s Department for police services; 3) Bonney Lake Municipal Court for court services; 4) Pierce County for building permits, animal control and road maintenance; 5) Porter Foster Rorick Attorneys at Law for legal services; 6) Kask Consulting for planning services; 7) JK Knowles and James Morgan for engineering services; and 8) Kirk Elliott for Utilities Department services.

The following budget information is presented for fiscal year ending December 31, 2015, for a total budget of **\$1,076,274.76**. Section I contains background information, Section II is the budget summary and Section III contains ordinances pertaining to the fiscal year 2015 Budget.

We hope the information presented is informative, easy to understand, and a useful tool throughout the coming year. It is a great privilege to serve the community, and we look forward to the coming year. Please contact the South Prairie Town Hall if you have any questions, comments or suggestions regarding the Budget Document.

Sincerely,

Marla Nevill  
Clerk/Treasurer

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# SECTION I INTRODUCTION



## **TOWN GOAL**

**The Town of South Prairie seeks to provide for the public health, safety and life quality to benefit its citizens and the community as a whole.**

**During the Council Retreat in February 2006 the Council and Mayor established the following goals:**

- 1. Beautify the Town's transportation corridors.**
- 2. Make Town Hall visible and accessible.**
- 3. Preserve the historic buildings that now exist.**
- 4. Create a Town Center**
- 5. Work to bring the community together.**
- 6. Encourage small commercial businesses in the Town Center.**
- 7. Optimize the trail as a resource to the community.**
- 8. Assure adequate public safety.**
- 9. Create a safer and more functional transportation system.**
- 10. Continue to upgrade and enhance the Town's parks.**
- 11. Develop emergency response plans.**

## **TOWN VISION STATEMENT**

**South Prairie, committed to a second century of preserving its natural beauty and maintaining its lively hometown character.**

## **A BRIEF HISTORY**

### **Special Thanks to Geanellen Kuranko**

#### ***Steadily Developing into Something Good***

The quiet roads and lush prairie lands of South Prairie bear evidence of a different way of life. Life in the valley was hazardous in 1854 when Paul Emery filed a Donation Land Claim on prairie land south of Connell and Porter prairies, hence the name South Prairie. Indian raids were prevalent during the Indian War of 1855.

In 1859, John Flett, an important Indian interpreter for the Government, came to South Prairie to farm. He later moved his dairy farm to Sumner and then to Steilacoom, where the farm still exists today. His sons David, William and John have gone down in history as the discoverers of rich coal veins in the Wilkeson and Burnett area. In the wilderness they found a way to draw attention to the small South Prairie settlement.

With the discovery of coal in 1875 came the need for transporting it. The Cascade Division of the railroad was the solution. South Prairie made an ideal site for a thriving city with its accessibility to vast resources of coal, timber and stone. It was also a natural starting point for tourists heading to resorts on the north side of Mt. Rainier.

Frank Bisson built the first store in town in 1884. Four years later, in 1888, Frank Bisson and his wife settled in South Prairie on Paul Emery's old donation land claim. Customers came from as far away as Cle Elum and Durham, because South Prairie was the closest town. People often sent their grocery list via the train engineer, who would give it to Bisson to fill before the train went on to the Tacoma terminus. On the return trip the engineer would pick up the goods and deliver them to the customers.

#### ***Turn of the Century***

Accounts tell of a band of Indians called the Dothliuk who lived here in the late 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> century. Imagine the lifestyle from this early newspaper account: "Mrs. Roberts recalls in 1887 that the Hudson Bay Company had a trading post at South Prairie and all the Indian Tribes of what is now King and Pierce Counties brought their furs there to exchange for trinkets and camp supplies."

The town was incorporated in 1909, with the telegraph operator Allen Tubbs as the first mayor. There were several hotels, (Hodder, Rosser and Hunter), a sawmill, general merchandise stores, a hardware store, a meat market, a soft drink parlor, several beer parlors-saloons-pool halls, a confectionery-tourist shop, barber shop, two churches, a livery stable, and farming of dairy, raspberries and hops. The K.P. Lodge, the Masonic Temple and the A.O.U.W. Lodge provided social activities for the community.

The last school was built in 1906 and closed in 1955. School District #18 then consolidated with White River School District in Buckley.

Today, South Prairie is still beautiful and, in many spots, unchanged from the wild and wonderful place it was a hundred years ago. The South Prairie Creek and tall trees in the meadows make it a

peaceful spot where the outside world's hectic pace seems but a bad dream. The town developed into what it is today at a slow, steady pace, which is why town life today is nothing short of good.

***Famous Folks***

Paul Strand, the outstanding baseball player from the early 1900's, hailed from South Prairie. He played with the Boston Braves as pitcher when they won the world pennant in 1912-1913. He was inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame with the 1922 record of 315 hits.

***Notes of Interest***

South Prairie's Post Office was established as "Melrose," on January 7, 1884, with William E. Owen being the first Post Master. On October 2, 1889, the name was changed to South Prairie to coincide with the town's name and save on much confusion. Census of South Prairie in 1860 was twelve people. There were nine people in the John Flett family and three people in the Gale family.

## **YOUR MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT**

The Town of South Prairie was incorporated on February 6, 1909 and operates under the State of Washington regulations for a Town, as referenced in the RCW (Revised Code of Washington) 35.27.

### **ELECTED OFFICIALS**

The Town of South Prairie has a Mayor/Council form of municipal government. The Mayor is the chief executive of the Town. The Town Council, comprised of five positions, is the legislative body of the Town government.

### **APPOINTED OFFICIALS**

The Clerk/Treasurer and Deputy Clerk/Treasurer perform the general administrative business for the Town, and the Mayor appoints these positions. The utilities and public works departments are operated by the Utility Operator, which is appointed by the Mayor.

The employees listed above are represented by the Union under an agreement between the Town of South Prairie and Laborers Local 242.

### **RESPONSIBILITIES IN TOWN GOVERNMENT**

**No person shall be eligible to or hold an elective office in a town unless he or she is a resident and registered voter in the town, RCW 35.27.080.**

**MAYOR:** The Mayor is the chief executive officer of the town. This position in the Town of South Prairie is not a full time position with regular business hours. He/she keeps abreast of Town business through regular contact with department heads. He/she is the authorized signatory for the town, including warrants, ordinances, resolutions, meeting minutes, and contractual agreements. He/she shall preside over all meetings of the council at which he or she is present. The Mayor may administer oaths and affirmations, and take affidavits and certify them. He/she shall sign all conveyances made by the town and all instruments, which require the seal of the town. The Mayor is the official representative of the Town Council. It is also the duty of the Mayor to interview, hire, discipline and discharge employees of the town.

In the absence of the Mayor, the Mayor Pro-Tempore, appointed by the Town Council, will fill these duties.

**MAYOR PRO-TEMPORE:** Town Council may choose a Mayor Pro-Tempore for a specified period of time, not to exceed six months, to act as the Mayor in the absence of the Mayor.

**TOWN COUNCIL:** The five members of the Town Council are the legislative body of the Town. It is the duty of this body to gather information, discuss issues and make decisions affecting the populace. They shall hold regular meetings at least once each month at such times as may be fixed by ordinance. Special meetings may be called at any time by the mayor or by three councilmembers, by written notice as provided in RCW 42.30.080. No resolution or order for the payment of money shall be passed at any other than a regular meeting. No such resolution or order shall be valid unless passed by the votes of at least three councilmembers.

All meetings of the Council shall be held at such places as may be designated by the Town Council. All final actions on resolutions and ordinances must take place within the corporate limits of the town. All meetings of the Town Council must be public. Reference RCW 35.27.270.

A majority of the councilmembers shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. The Mayor shall preside at all meetings of the Council. The Mayor shall have a vote only in case of a tie in votes of the councilmembers. Reference RCW 35.27.280.

The Council conducts Public Hearings, as required by the Revised Code of Washington, for financial and land use issues. However, the Council may hold Public Hearings concerning topics that may be deemed advisable to provide an opportunity for public comment.

The Town Council sets the town's utility rates, license and permit fees, property rental rates, property taxes, employee salaries and miscellaneous fees.

The Council adopts the annual budget, following a Public Hearing; and they review the Annual Report. They make the final decisions regarding land use issues, contractual agreements and approval of accounts payable.

**VACANCIES IN ELECTED POSITIONS:** When a vacancy of an elected position occurs due to resignation, death, forfeiture, etc., the vacancy shall be filled as follows unless the provisions of law relating to the town provide otherwise:

- 1) Where one position is vacant, the remaining members of the governing body shall appoint a qualified person to fill the vacant position.
- 2) Where two or more positions are vacant and two or more members of the governing body remains in office, the remaining members of the governing body shall appoint a qualified person to fill one of the vacant positions, the remaining members of the governing body and the newly appointed person shall appoint another qualified person to fill another vacant position, and so on until each of the vacant positions is filled with each of the new appointees participating in each appointment that is made after his or her appointment.
- 3) If less than two members of a governing body remain in office, the county legislative authority of the county in which all or the largest geographic portion of the town is located shall appoint a qualified person or persons to the governing body until the governing body has two members.
- 4) If a governing body fails to appoint a qualified person to fill a vacancy within ninety days of the occurrence of the vacancy, the authority of the governing body to fill the vacancy shall cease and the county legislative authority of the county in which all or the largest geographic portion of the town is located shall appoint a qualified person to fill the vacancy.
- 5) If the county legislative authority of the county fails to appoint a qualified person within one hundred eighty days of the occurrence of the vacancy, the county legislative authority or the remaining members of the governing body of the town may petition the governor to appoint a qualified person to fill the vacancy. The governor may appoint a qualified person to fill the vacancy after being petitioned if at the time the governor fills the vacancy the county legislative authority has not appointed a qualified person to fill the vacancy.
- 6) As provided in \*[RCW 29.15.190](#) and [29.21.410](#), each person who is appointed shall serve until a qualified person is elected at the next election at which a member of the governing body normally would be elected that occurs twenty-eight or more days after the occurrence

of the vacancy. If needed, special filing periods shall be authorized as provided in **\*RCW 29.15.170** and **29.15.180** for qualified persons to file for the vacant office. A primary shall be held to nominate candidates if sufficient time exists to hold a primary and more than two candidates file for the vacant office. Otherwise, a primary shall not be held and the person receiving the greatest number of votes shall be elected. The person shall take office immediately and serve the remainder of the unexpired term.

If an election for the position that became vacant would otherwise have been held at this general election date, only one election to fill the position shall be held and the person elected to fill the succeeding term for that position shall take office immediately when qualified as defined in **\*RCW 29.01.135** and shall service both the remainder of the unexpired term and the succeeding term. Reference RCW 42.12.070.

**ADMINISTRATION:** The administration of Town business is handled through the Town Hall including Community Center reservations, receipts and deposit disbursements; and the Water and Sewer Utilities billing and payment receipts.

Clerk/Treasurer duties include: 1) Issuance of business licenses; 2) Filling records requests; 3) Maintaining Official Records of all Council Meetings, Public Hearings, Ordinances, Resolutions, as well as official correspondence and reports; 4) Refer requests to the Town Attorney to prepare ordinances and resolutions, as directed by the Town Council; 5) Research and provide background information on issues to the Council; 6) Prepare meeting agendas; 7) Attend Council Meetings, as secretary and staff resource; and 8) Publish all Legal Notices for the Town. He/she works closely with the Mayor in all phases of the municipality's interests, and is the signatory on ordinances, resolutions, contracts, minutes, and Town warrants, and attests to the accuracy and the Mayor's signature. He/she is the certifying official of the Town.

Deputy Clerk/Treasurer duties include: 1) Maintain records for Town projects and special funding, such as grants and loans; 2) Prepares the Town Budget and Annual Reports, including supportive and clarifying documentation; 3) Performs all bookkeeping and accounting functions, and utility billing for the Town; 4) Receipts payments; 5) Pays vendor bills, contractual fees and taxes; and 6) Distributes revenues and expenditures to appropriate departments and accounts.

The Deputy Clerk/Treasurer assists the Clerk/Treasurer in various aspects of Town Hall functions, and fills the duties of the Clerk/Treasurer in his/her absence.

**UTILITIES:** The Town operates domestic sewage collection and treatment. There are approximately 136 sewer utility customers. Sewage is collected through a Septic Tank Effluent Pumping (STEP) System and treated at the Town's Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP), located on South Prairie Carbon River Road. Chemical testing is performed in the accredited laboratory at the treatment plant. In recent years, the volume of required tests has increased and demands a larger percentage of the Utility Operator's time each day. Test records are submitted on a regular basis and an annual permit fee is paid to the Washington State Department of Ecology (WDOE). The town has approximately 150 Water customers and the water meters are read on a monthly basis. Rates are calculated on a two-stage billing system: 1) Base rate, which is calculated according to the number of Equivalent Residential Units (ERU) and 2) water usage. Water testing and treatment are federally mandated by the Washington State Department of Health, Safe Drinking Water Act.

Some of these procedures are very expensive, which necessitate increases in user rates for the general system operation.

Utility Operator duties include: 1) Performs testing on wastewater samples 2) Performs test on water samples; 3) Prepare testing reports and maintains records; 4) Read water meters; and 4) Maintenance of Wastewater Treatment Plant, the Water System, town parks, property and streets.

**SOUTH PRAIRIE COMMUNITY CENTER** can be rented for non-alcoholic events for a fee established by the Town Council. Paid and volunteer personnel maintain this facility. For rental information, contact the South Prairie Town Hall.

**TOWN OF SOUTH PRAIRIE PARKS** includes the Third Street Park, located on SW Third Street, and the Veterans Memorial Park, located east of the Fire Station/Community Center on Highway 162. The Town leases the Third Street Park from the White River School District and the Town maintains the park. The Third Street Park provides a basketball court, baseball field, playground equipment and a picnic area. Numerous volunteers built the Veterans Memorial and a dedication ceremony took place on November 11, 2004. The Veterans Memorial Park provides a picnic area, playground equipment, and the covered pavilion and is adjacent to the Foothills Trail and South Prairie Creek. The Town has been very fortunate to have both parks greatly improved through the efforts of numerous volunteers and local Boy Scouts who have completed their Eagle Scout Projects in Town.

**PLANNING COMMISSION** members are appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the Town Council. The Planning Commission acts as an advisory board to the Town Council on all land use issues including: applications for annexations, zoning, variances, conditional use permits, shoreline development permits, short and long plats and sub-divisions, and commercial development. After review and recommendation by the Town Planner, the Commission makes recommendations to the Town Council. Public hearings may be conducted at the Planning Commission or Town Council level. In the absence of a Planning Commission, the Town Council would perform the duties of the Planning Commission, with review and recommendation by the Town Planner. The Town Council makes the final decision on planning-related issues.

**TOWN SERVICE AREA:** The Town of South Prairie serves a municipal population of approximately 440 residents, within an area along State Highway 162 bordering South Prairie Creek. The Town also provides water service to some customers outside the town limits.

# SECTION II

# ACCOUNTING BUDGET



**TOWN OF SOUTH PRAIRIE  
2015 BUDGET**

**REVENUE:**

GENERAL FUND	371,837.95
STREET FUND	17,010.00
GRANT FUND	0.00
VETERAN'S MEMORIAL FUND	1,400.00
EMS FUND	12,955.63
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND	13,000.00
WATER FUND	196,924.68
SEWER FUND	384,966.50
GARBAGE FUND	78,150.00

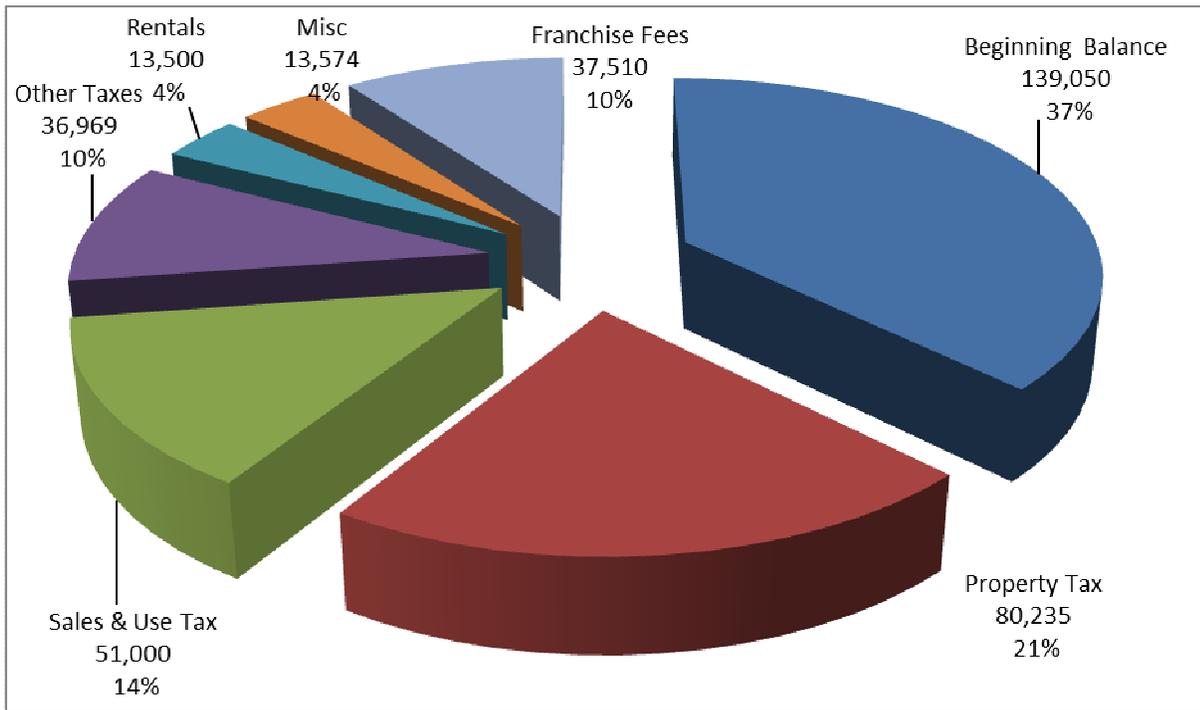
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**EXPENDITURES:**

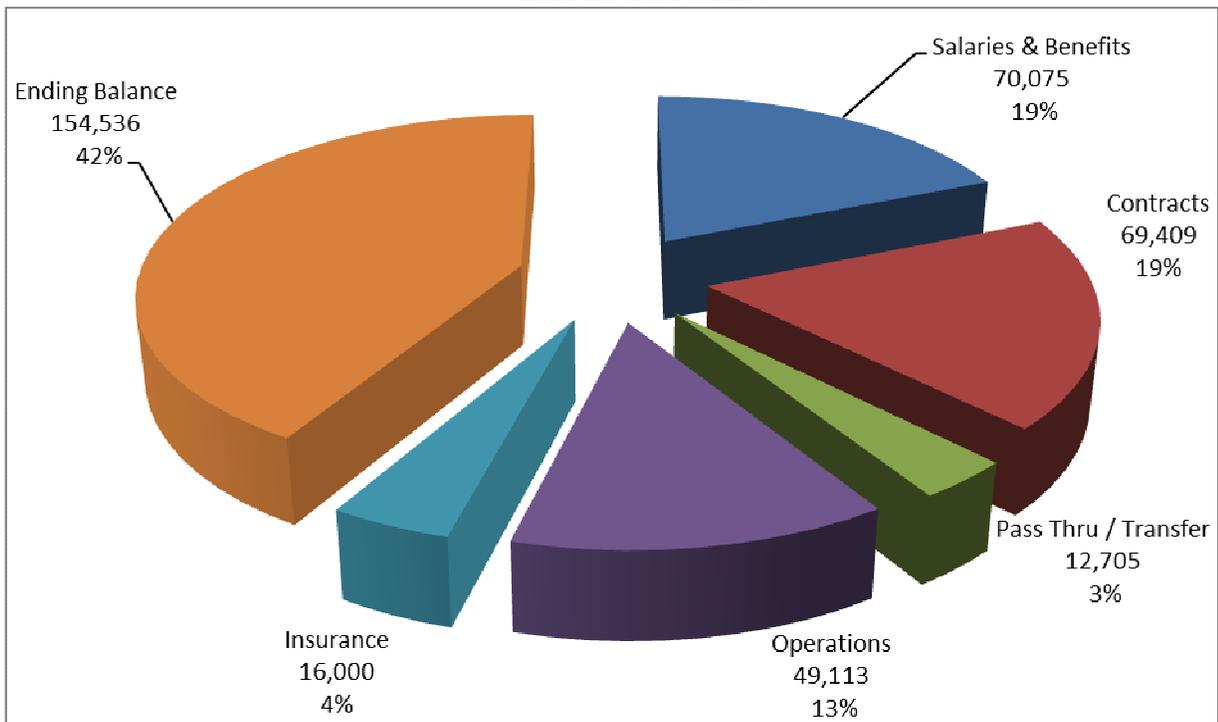
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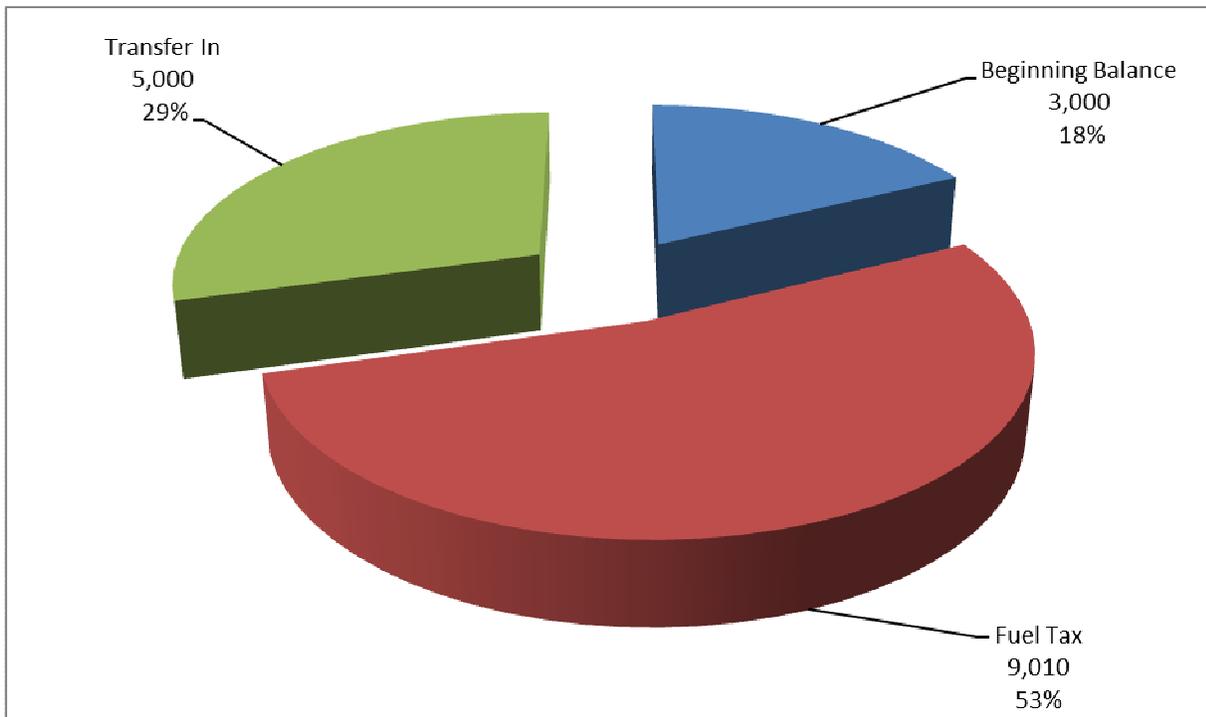
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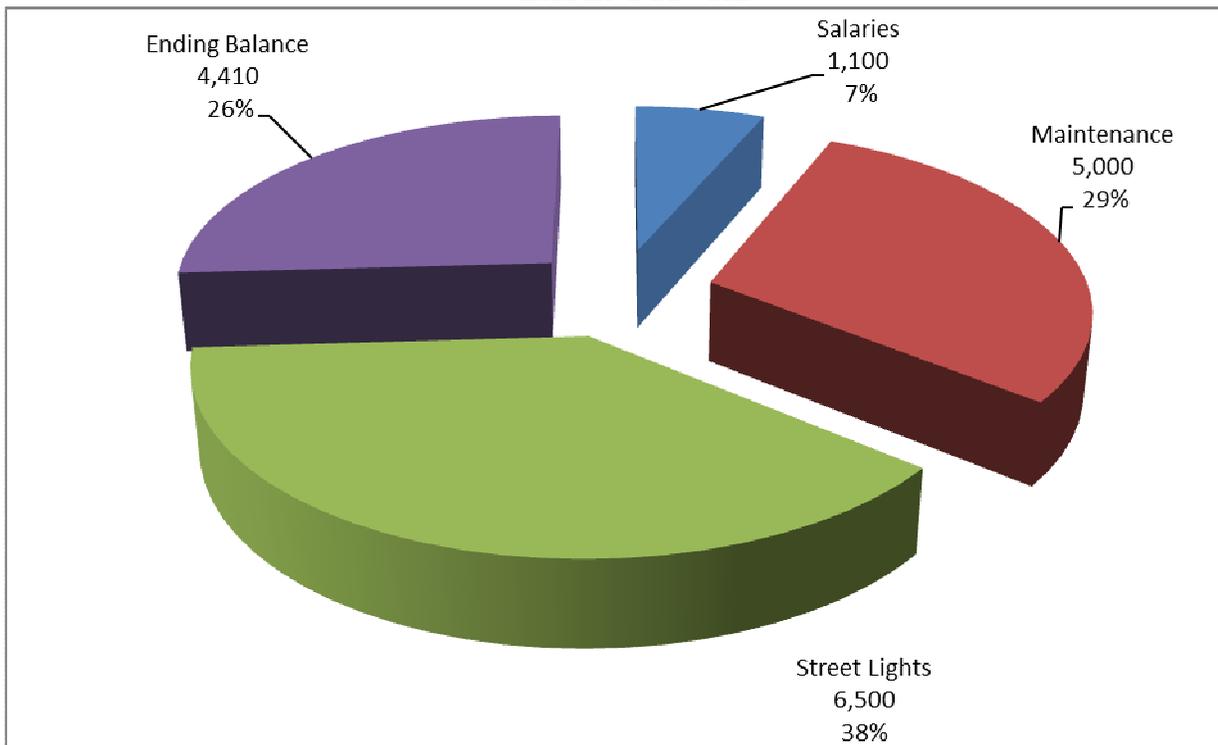
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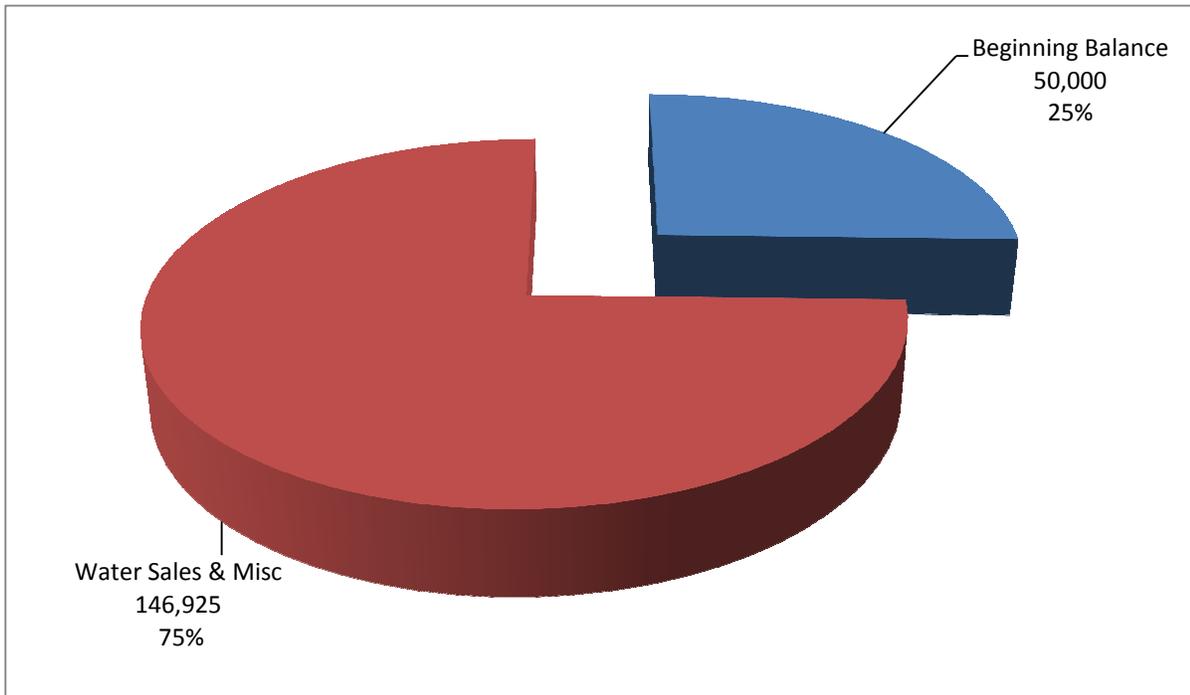
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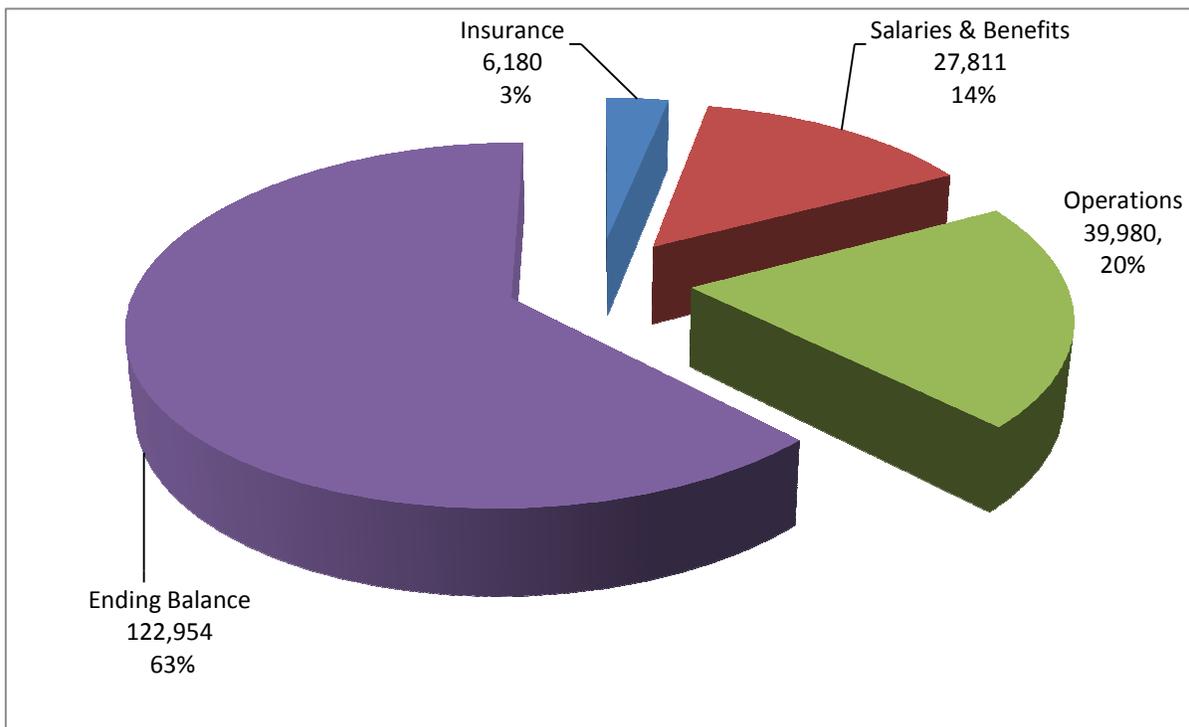
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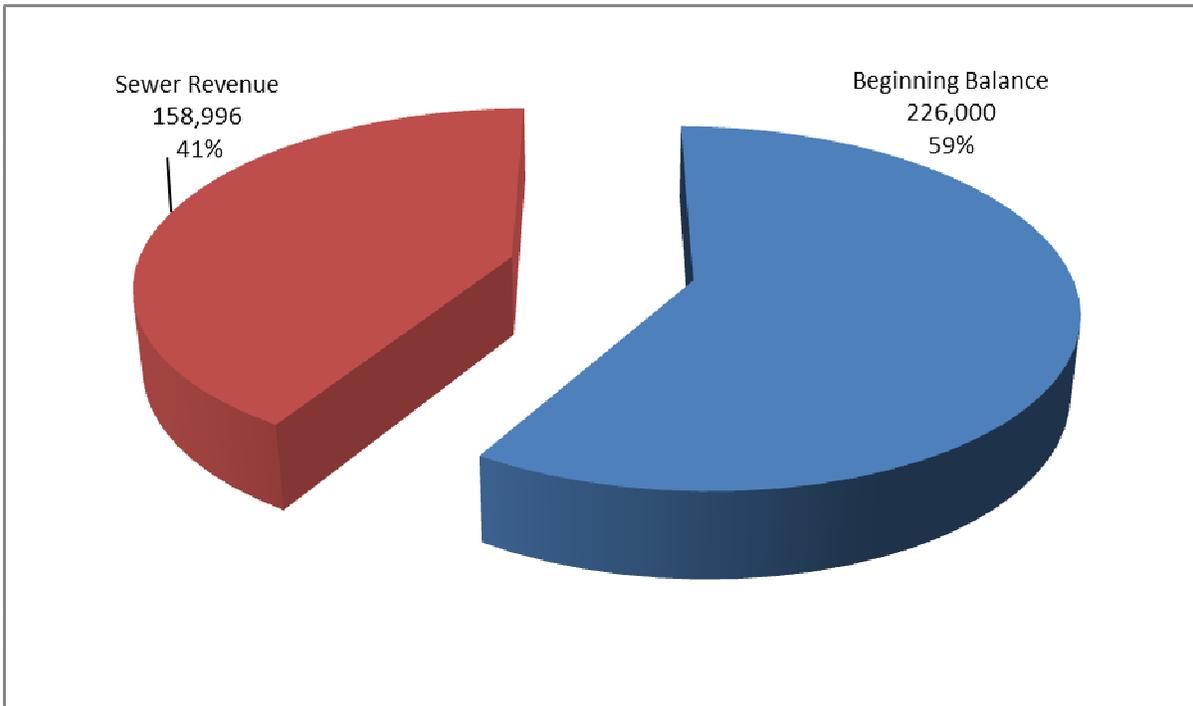
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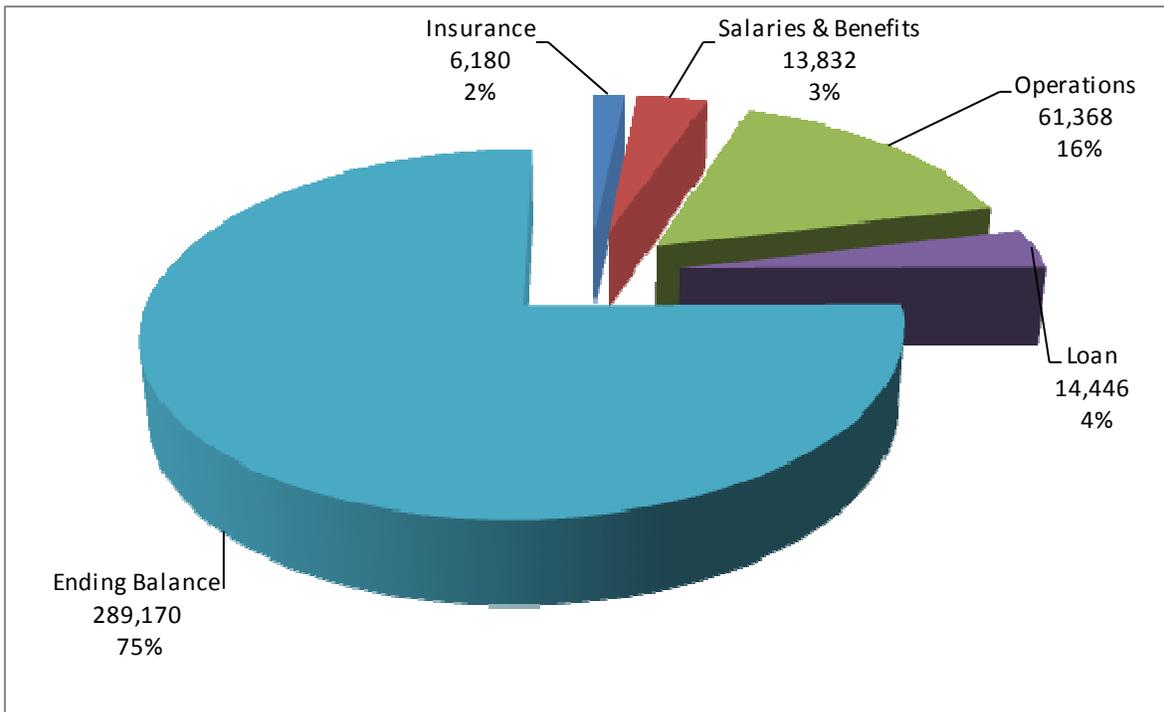
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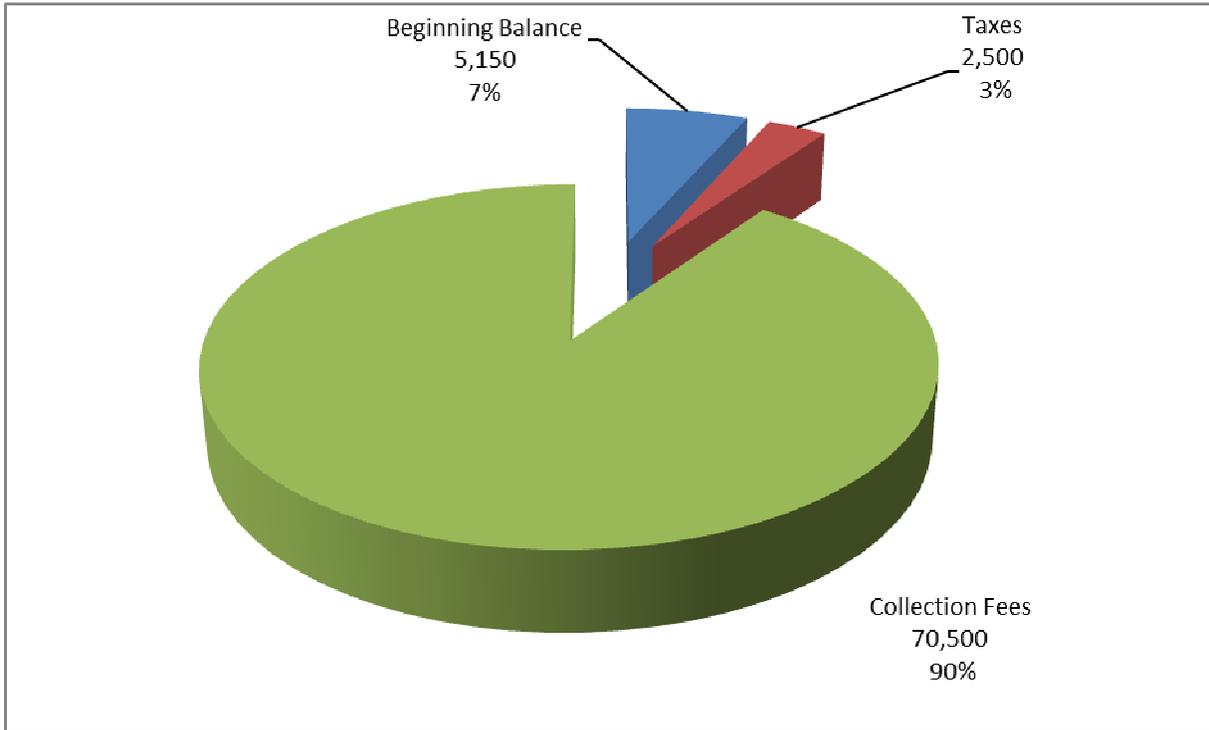
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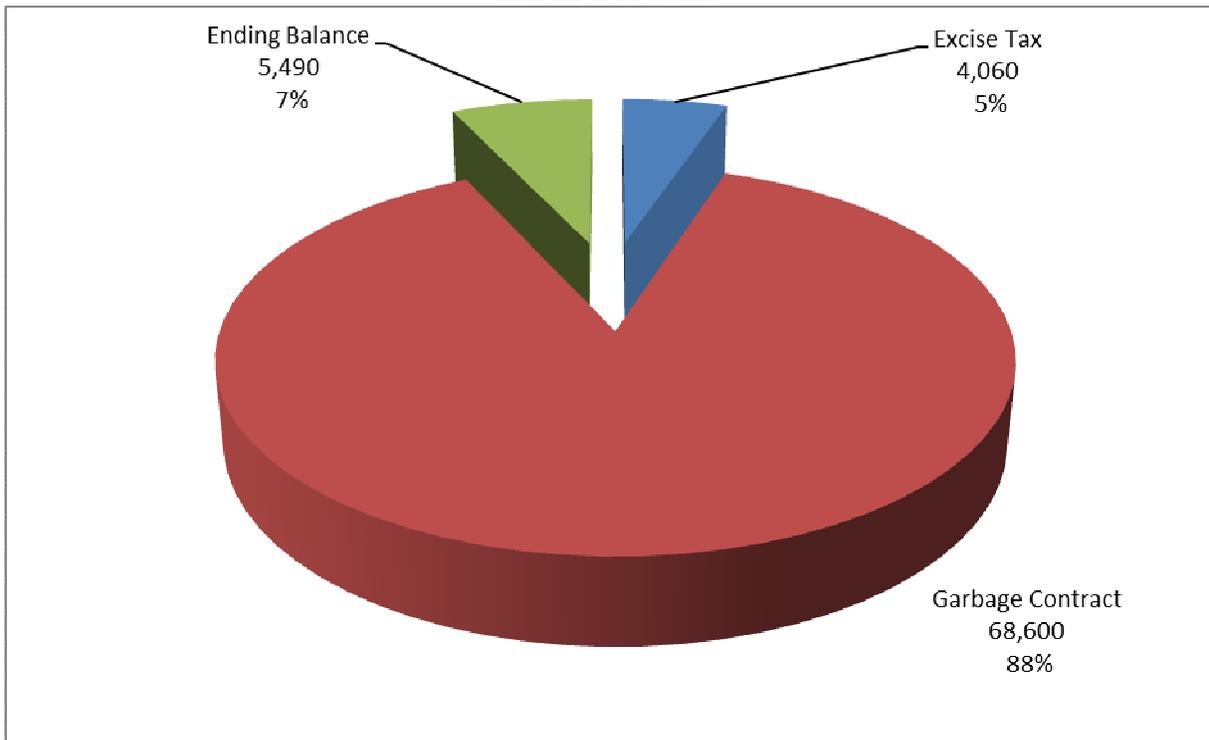
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### 2015 GARBAGE FUND REVENUES



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# SECTION III APPENDIX



## **ORDINANCE NO. 544**

### **AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF SOUTH PRAIRIE, PIERCE COUNTY, WASHINGTON, ADOPTING A BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2015**

**Whereas**, the Mayor of the Town of South Prairie has completed and placed on file with the Town Clerk a proposed budget and estimated amounts of money required to meet public expenses, bond retirement expenses, reserve expenses, expenses of government of the Town for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2015, and a public hearing was held permitting the taxpayers an opportunity to be heard on said budget; and

**Whereas**, the proposed budget does not exceed the lawful limit of taxation allowed by law to be levied upon property within the Town for the purposes set forth in the said budget and for the estimated expenditures set forth in said budget being all necessary to carry on the government of the Town for the year 2015 and being sufficient to meet the various needs of the Town during the year 2015.

**Now, therefore, be it ordained by the Town Council of the Town of South Prairie, Pierce County, Washington that:**

**Section 1:** The budget for the Town of South Prairie, Pierce County, Washington for the year 2015 is hereby adopted in its final form and content as set forth in the document and incorporated by reference entitled "Town of South Prairie Budget 2015;" three copies of which are on file with the office of the Town Clerk.

**Section 2:** Estimated resources and appropriations for expenditures during the year 2015 are set forth in summary form on the attached page(s), which are incorporated by reference as if set out in full.

**Section 3:** The Town Clerk is hereby directed to submit a certified copy of the budget herein adopted to the Division of Municipal Corporations in the Office of the State Auditor and to the Association of Washington Cities.

**Section 4:** If any provision of this ordinance is determined to be invalid or unenforceable for any reason, or any provisions on the attachment(s) are determined to be invalid or unenforceable for any reason, the remaining provisions of this ordinance, and the remaining provisions of the attachment(s) shall remain in force and affect.

**Section 5:** This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force five (5) days from and after its passage, approval and publication as required by law.

**PASSED IN REGULAR AND OPEN SESSION this 4<sup>th</sup> day of November 2014**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Mayor Anthony Caldwell**

**INTRODUCED** \_\_\_\_\_

**PASSED** \_\_\_\_\_

**APPROVED** \_\_\_\_\_

**PUBLISHED** \_\_\_\_\_

**Attested:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Marla Nevill, Town Clerk/Treasurer**

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**REQUESTING HIGHEST LAWFUL LEVY**

**RESOLUTION NO. 330**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF SOUTH PRAIRIE, PIERCE COUNTY, WASHINGTON, ADOPTING THE REGULAR PROPERTY TAX LEVY FOR COLLECTION IN 2015**

Whereas, the Town Council of Town of South Prairie has met and considered its budget for the calendar year 2015; and

Whereas, the Town's actual levy amount for the previous year was \$ 70,111.21 ; and,

Whereas, the population of the Town is less than 10,000; and now, therefore,

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the governing body of the taxing district that an increase in the regular property tax levy is hereby authorized for the levy to be collected in the 2015 tax year.

The dollar amount of the increase over the actual levy amount for the previous year shall be \$ 39,489.41 , which is a percentage increase of 56.324 % from the previous year. (Note: This increase is exclusive of additional revenue resulting from new construction, improvements to property, newly constructed wind turbines, any increase in the value of state assessed property, any annexations that have occurred and refunds made.

**PASSED IN REGULAR AND OPEN SESSION this 4<sup>th</sup> day of November 2014**

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Council Member Stu Terry

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Council Member Roy Hanson

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Council Member

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Council Member Barb Wigton

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Council Member Vicky Watkins

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Mayor Anthony Caldwell

**Attested:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Marla Nevill, Town Clerk/Treasurer

**LEVY CERTIFICATION**

*Submit this document to the county legislative authority on or before November 30 of the year preceding the year in which the levy amounts are to be collected and forward a copy to the assessor.*

In accordance with RCW 84.52.020, I, Marla Nevill, Clerk/Treasurer, for the Town of South Prairie, do hereby certify to the Pierce County legislative authority that the Town Council of said district requests that the following levy amounts be collected in 2015 as provided in the district's budget, which was adopted following a public hearing held on November 4, 2014.

Regular Levy:           \$ 80,324.90

(Note: The district is limited by the statutory

rate of \$3.10 per \$1,000 of assessed value).

Excess Levy:           \_\_\_\_\_

Refund Levy:           \_\_\_\_\_

Signature:           \_\_\_\_\_

Date: November 4, 2014

**(REVISED) LEVY CERTIFICATION  
SUBMITTED TO PIERCE COUNTY  
ON DECEMBER 29, 2014**

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Regular Levy:           \$ 80,451.37

(Note: The district is limited by the statutory

rate of \$3.10 per \$1,000 of assessed value).

Excess Levy:           \_\_\_\_\_

Refund Levy:           \_\_\_\_\_

Signature:           \_\_\_\_\_

Date:   December 29, 2014

**REQUESTING HIGHEST LAWFUL LEVY**

**RESOLUTION NO. 331**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF SOUTH PRAIRIE, PIERCE COUNTY,  
WASHINGTON, ADOPTING THE REGULAR PROPERTY TAX LEVY FOR  
COLLECTION IN 2015 FOR SOUTH PRAIRIE EMS (EMERGENCY MEDICAL  
SERVICES)**

Whereas, the Town Council of the Town of South Prairie has met and considered its budget for calendar year 2015; and

Whereas, the Town's actual levy amount for the previous year was \$11,308.26; and,

Whereas, the population of the town is less than 10,000; and now, therefore,

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the governing body of the taxing district that an increase in the regular property tax levy for EMS is hereby authorized for the levy to be collected in the 2015 tax year.

The dollar amount of the increase over the actual levy amount from the previous year shall be \$3,796.97, which is a percentage increase of 33.5769 % from the previous year. This increase is exclusive of additional revenue resulting from new construction, improvements to property, newly constructed wind turbines, any increase in the value of state assessed property, any annexations that have occurred and refunds made.

**PASSED IN REGULAR AND OPEN SESSION this 4<sup>th</sup> day of November 2014**

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Council Member Stu Terry

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Council Member Roy Hanson

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Council Member

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Council Member Barb Wigton

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Council Member Vicky Watkins

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Mayor Anthony Caldwell

Attested:

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Marla Nevill, Town Clerk/Treasurer

**LEVY CERTIFICATION**

*Submit this document to the county legislative authority on or before November 30 of the year preceding the year in which the levy amounts are to be collected and forward a copy to the assessor.*

In accordance with RCW 84.52.020, I, Marla Nevill, Clerk/Treasurer, for the Town of South Prairie, do hereby certify to the Pierce County legislative authority that the Town Council of said district requests that the following levy amounts be collected in 2015 as provided in the district's budget, which was adopted following a public hearing held on November 4, 2014.

Regular Levy:            \$12,955.63

Excess Levy:            \_\_\_\_\_

Refund Levy:            \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: November 4, 2014

**(REVISED) LEVY CERTIFICATION  
SUBMITTED TO PIERCE COUNTY  
ON DECEMBER 29, 2014**

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In accordance with RCW 84.52.020, I, Marla Nevill, Clerk/Treasurer, for the Town of South Prairie, do hereby certify to the Pierce County legislative authority that the Town Council of said district requests that the following levy amounts be collected in 2015 as provided in the district's budget, which was adopted following a public hearing held on November 4, 2014.

Regular Levy:            \$12,976.03

Excess Levy:            \_\_\_\_\_

Refund Levy:            \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: December 29, 2014