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District Information

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Election Information

Election Date: 11/02/21  
Type of Measure: Levy Lid Lift  
(e.g., Levy, Bond, Levy Lid Lift, etc.)  
Pass/Fail Requirements: Simple Majority  
(e.g., Simple Majority, 60% plus minimum turnout, etc.)

Attorney Information

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Have you included:

- Resolution signed by governing body?
- Explanatory Statement (not to exceed 200 words) with a letter from the district's attorney attesting that it was prepared by him/her?
- Pro and Con Committee Appointment Forms? will send separately

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SNOHOMISH COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 19  
WASHINGTON

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-01

Levy Lid Lift for Fire Protection and Emergency Medical Services

A RESOLUTION of the Board of Fire Commissioners of Snohomish County Fire Protection District No. 19, Washington, relating to the District's regular property tax levy; providing for the submission to the voters of the District at a special election to be held on November 2, 2021, in conjunction with the State General Election to be held on the same date, of a proposition authorizing the District to levy regular property taxes in an amount in excess of the limitations provided in chapter 84.55 RCW; designating the Fire Chief and special counsel to receive notice of ballot title from the Auditor; and providing for related matters.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS OF SNOHOMISH COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 19, WASHINGTON, as follows:

Section 1. Findings and Determinations. The Board of Fire Commissioners (the "Board") of Snohomish County Fire Protection District No. 19, Washington (the "District"), takes note of the following facts and makes the following findings and determinations:

(a) RCW 52.16.130, RCW 52.16.140 and RCW 52.16.160 limit the District's aggregate regular property tax levy to a maximum dollar rate of \$1.50 per \$1,000 of assessed value of taxable property within the District. Chapter 84.55 RCW further limits the amount of the regular property tax levy to 101% (or 100% plus inflation, if inflation is less than 1%) of the prior highest lawful levy amount (the "levy lid"), plus an additional dollar amount calculated by multiplying the regular property tax levy rate for the preceding year by the increase in assessed value from new construction, construction of certain renewable energy facilities, improvements to property and any increase in the assessed value of state-assessed property. Due to the levy lid and increasing property values within the District, the District's current regular property tax levy is limited to a dollar rate of approximately \$1.36 per \$1,000 of assessed value.

(b) Under RCW 84.55.050(2), the District may submit to its voters at a primary or general election, for their approval or rejection, a proposition authorizing the District to increase its regular property tax levy annually in amounts exceeding the levy lid for up to six consecutive years (a "levy lid lift"). Under RCW 84.55.050(3) and (4), the proposition may provide that the District will use the final year's regular property tax levy amount so approved for purposes of computing the levy lid for subsequent levies.

(c) The money that will be available in the District's Expense Fund in calendar years 2022 through 2027 and in future years, will be insufficient to permit the District to pay for the increased maintenance and operation expenses required to provide fire protection and emergency medical services essential and necessary for the protection of the public health, life and property of its residents, all as more particularly defined and described in Section 2(a) (the "Purposes").

(d) It is therefore in the best interests of the District and its residents to seek voter approval of a levy lid lift proposition to restore the District's regular property tax levy to fund the Purposes, including: (1) an increase to the District's regular property tax levy for collection in 2022 by a rate of approximately \$0.14 per \$1,000 of assessed value to the maximum aggregate rate of \$1.50 per \$1,000 of assessed value and (2) annual increases to the District's regular property tax levy for collection in years 2023 through 2027 of up to 106% of the District's maximum allowable levy for the immediately prior year.

Section 2. Purposes and Description of the Ballot Proposition. The Board seeks voter approval under RCW 84.55.050(2) of a levy lid lift proposition, as follows:

(a) Purposes. The amounts collected pursuant to the increases authorized in years 2022 through 2027 shall be used solely for the following Purposes: to provide fire protection, prevention and emergency response services in the District, to operate and maintain emergency fire, medical service and other District vehicles and equipment (including repair and replacement), to maintain District facilities and to maintain staffing of such facilities by properly trained personnel who are equipped with proper firefighting and emergency medical equipment. The Purposes of this authorization do not include new buildings.

(b) Maximum Levy Rate Authorized in 2022. The proposition authorizes the District to restore its maximum aggregate regular property tax levy to the amount resulting from a rate of \$1.50 per \$1,000 of assessed value for levy in 2021 and collection in 2022.

(c) Increase Authorized in Future Years. The District's maximum regular property tax levy for collection in each of the following five years (2023 through 2027) shall be computed annually by applying a limit factor of 106% to the District's maximum allowable levy for the immediately prior year.

(d) Computing the Limitations for Subsequent Levies. The District will use the dollar amount of the maximum aggregate property tax levy for collection in 2027 authorized under this resolution for the purpose of computing the limitations for subsequent levies under chapter 84.55 RCW.

Section 3. Calling of Election. The Auditor of Snohomish County, Washington, as *ex officio* Supervisor of Elections (the "Auditor"), is requested to call and conduct a special election, in the manner provided by law, to be held in the District on November 2, 2021 (the "Special Election"), for the purpose of submitting to the District's voters, for their approval or rejection, the proposition authorizing the District to increase its aggregate regular property tax levy for collection in 2022 to \$1.50 per \$1,000 of assessed value, to increase its maximum regular property tax levy for collection in each of the following five years (2023 through 2027) by applying a limit factor of 106% to the District's maximum allowable levy for the immediately prior year and to use the dollar amount of the maximum allowable levy for collection in 2027 under this resolution for the purpose of computing the limitations for the District's subsequent levies under chapter 84.55 RCW.

Section 4. Form of Ballot Title. Pursuant to RCW 29A.36.071, the Snohomish County Prosecuting Attorney is requested to prepare the concise description of the aforesaid proposition for the ballot title in substantially the following form:

PROPOSITION NO. 1

FIRE DISTRICT 19

Levy Lid Lift for Fire Protection and Emergency Medical Services

The Board of Fire Commissioners of Snohomish County Fire Protection District No. 19 adopted Resolution No. 2021-01, concerning a proposition to restore the District's regular property tax levy.

This proposition would provide funds for limited purposes of fire protection, prevention and emergency medical services. It restores the District's maximum regular levy rate for collection in 2022 to \$1.50 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation (an approximately \$0.14 increase) and sets the limit factor for levy increases in 2023 through 2027 at 106%. The maximum allowable levy amount for 2027 will be used for the purpose of computing the limitations for subsequent levies under chapter 84.55 RCW.

Should this proposition be approved:

Yes .....   
No.....

Section 5. Authorization to Deliver Resolution to Auditor and Perform Other Necessary Duties. The Fire Chief of the District (the "Fire Chief") or his designee is authorized and directed to: (a) present a certified copy of this resolution to the Auditor no later than August 3, 2021; and (b) perform such other duties as are necessary or required by law to submit to the District's voters at the Special Election, for their approval or rejection, the proposition authorizing the District to increase its aggregate regular property tax levy for collection in 2022 to \$1.50 per \$1,000 of assessed value, to increase its maximum regular property tax levy for collection in each of the following five years (2023 through 2027) by applying a limit factor of 106% to the District's maximum allowable levy for the immediately prior year and to use the dollar amount of the maximum allowable levy for collection in 2027 under this resolution for the purpose of computing the limitations for the District's subsequent levies under chapter 84.55 RCW.

Section 6. Notices Relating to Ballot Title. For purposes of receiving notice of the exact language of the ballot title required by RCW 29A.36.080, the Board hereby designates (a) the Fire Chief (Keith Strotz), telephone: (360) 652-8277; email: [kstrotz@firedistrict19.com](mailto:kstrotz@firedistrict19.com); and (b) special counsel, Foster Garvey P.C. (Lee Marchisio), telephone: (206) 447-6264; email: [lee.marchisio@foster.com](mailto:lee.marchisio@foster.com), as the individuals to whom the Auditor shall provide such notice. The Fire Chief is authorized to approve changes to the ballot title, if any, determined necessary by the Auditor or the Snohomish County Prosecuting Attorney.

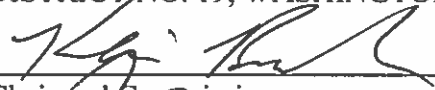
Section 7. General Authorization and Ratification of Prior Acts. This resolution may be executed by the Fire Commissioners being present and voting in favor of the resolution, or only the Chair of the Board, and attested by the Secretary of the District, in tangible medium, manual, facsimile or electronic form under any security procedure or platform, and notwithstanding any other District resolution, rule, policy or procedure, or in any other manner evidencing its adoption. The Fire Chief, the Chair of the Board, the Secretary of the District, other proper officers of the District and special counsel, Foster Garvey P.C., are severally authorized to take such actions and to create, accept, execute, send, use and rely upon such documents, records and signatures (including in tangible medium, manual, facsimile or electronic form, under any security procedure or platform, and notwithstanding any other District resolution, rule or policy) as in their judgment may be necessary or desirable to carry out the provisions of this resolution. All actions taken prior to the effective date of this resolution in furtherance of the purposes described in this resolution and not inconsistent with the terms of this resolution are ratified and confirmed in all respects.


Section 8. Severability. The provisions of this resolution are declared to be separate and severable. If a court of competent jurisdiction, all appeals having been exhausted or all appeal periods having run, holds any provision of this resolution invalid or unenforceable, then the offending provision is null and void, is separate and severable from the remaining provisions of this resolution and in no way affects the validity of the other provisions of this resolution or of the levy or collection of the regular property taxes as so authorized herein.

Section 9. Effective Date. This resolution takes effect from and after its adoption.

ADOPTED by the Board of Fire Commissioners of Snohomish County Fire Protection District No. 19, Washington, at a regular open public meeting held this 10<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2021.

SNOHOMISH COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION  
DISTRICT NO. 19, WASHINGTON

  
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Chair and Commissioner

  
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Commissioner

  
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Commissioner

ATTEST:

  
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Deirdre Brandstrom  
Secretary of the District

CERTIFICATION

I, Deirdre Brandstrom, Secretary of Snohomish County Fire Protection District No. 19, Washington (the "District"), certify as follows:

1. The foregoing Resolution No. 2021-01 (the "Resolution") is a full, true and correct copy of the Resolution duly adopted at a regular meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners of the District (the "Board") held on June 10, 2021 (the "Meeting"), as that Resolution appears on the minute book of the District, and the Resolution is now in full force and effect;

2. Pursuant to various proclamations and orders issued by the Governor of the State of Washington, options were provided for the public to attend the Meeting remotely, including by telephonic access and, as available, internet access, which options provided the ability for all persons attending the Meeting remotely to hear each other at the same time; and

3. The Meeting was duly convened and held in all respects in accordance with law, the public was notified of the access options for remote attendance, a quorum was present throughout the meeting in person or through telephonic and/or internet means of remote access, and a sufficient number of members of the Board so present voted in the proper manner for the adoption of the Resolution.

DATED: June 10, 2021.

SNOHOMISH COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION  
DISTRICT NO. 19, WASHINGTON

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Deirdre Brandstrom  
Secretary of the District

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Adopted June 10, 2021

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