

Fire Protection District No. 26

Proposition 1

Ballot Title

Levy of General Tax for Maintenance and Operations

The Board of Commissioners of Snohomish County Fire Protection District No. 26 adopted Resolution No. 02-2012 concerning a proposition to finance maintenance and operation costs. This proposition would authorize the District to levy excess taxes in the amount of \$150,000 per year for four consecutive years beginning in 2012 to be collected in the year following at an approximate levy rate of \$0.49 per thousand of assessed valuation (the actual rate will be based on assessed values) to maintain the District's staffing, maintenance and operations, as provided in Resolution No. 02-2012. Should this proposition be approved?

Yes
No

Explanatory Statement

If approved by the voters, the District will be authorized to levy a maintenance and operations excess levy in the sum of \$150,000 dollars per year for a period of four years. Such levy will be in addition to the District's regular and EMS tax levies for a temporary four-year period. Based on current assessed valuations the District estimates that the tax levy rate necessary to generate these funds will be approximately \$.49 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation. In subsequent years the levy rate will decrease if assessed values increase. The cost of operating a fire department that provides fire prevention, fire protection and emergency medical services has increased because of the specialized equipment, personnel training and supplies now required and by state and federal regulations. With the declining assessed values in the District, the District is not able to maintain service levels provided within the limitations of the District's regular tax levy. This maintenance and operations levy will provide the funds necessary to maintain service levels. If the levy is approved, the maximum tax per \$100,000 assessed valuation is estimated not to exceed \$49.00 each year or approximately an additional \$4.09 per month for fire protection and emergency medical services.

No Statement For Submitted

No Statement Against Submitted