

City of Stanwood

Proposition 2

Ballot Title

Emergency Medical Services Levy

The City of Stanwood has adopted Resolution 2010-2 concerning funding for emergency medical services. If approved, this proposition shall fund delivery of 24-hour basic life support and advanced life support services. This proposition would allow the City to increase its current expense levy to fifty cents (\$.50) per one thousand dollars of assessed value for collection in 2011 and increase the levy each year thereafter as allowed by chapter 84.55 RCW. Should this proposition be approved rejected?

Explanatory Statement

This measure restores the current Emergency Medical Services (EMS) levy that was approved by voters in 2004. The EMS levy is the primary source of funding for emergency medical services provided by the City of Stanwood. Increasing demands for services caused by a growing community and property tax limitation measures are challenging the City's ability to fund EMS and paramedic services. The City is currently collecting \$.37 of the original \$.50 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation that was approved by the voter in 2004. Passage of Proposition No. 2 will allow the City to restore the levy rate at \$.50 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation. Voter approval of the EMS levy will provide funding for the City to continue EMS and paramedic staffing levels and ensure continuation of such services.

Statement For

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Proposition 2 renews the existing City of Stanwood EMS (emergency medical services) levy, which will expire at the end of 2010. A renewed levy will avoid a reduction of services. The current property tax rate is \$0.37 per \$1000 of assessed valuation, and the requested 2011 rate is \$0.50. The rate approved by voters for 2005 was \$0.50. Under state law, revenue from property taxes cannot increase more than one percent per year, regardless of an increase in assessed values. As a result, the City of Stanwood is required to return to its residents to renew a levy, in order to avoid reducing services. A vote for this renewal will keep medic services at the existing level. This is vital for the city of Stanwood and its residents.

No Statement Against Submitted