

Fire Protection District No. 19

Proposition 1

Ballot Title

Emergency Medical Service Levy

Will Snohomish County Fire Protection District No. 19 be authorized to impose a PERMANENT regular property tax levy of \$.50 cents or less per thousand dollars of assessed valuation to pay for emergency medical care and related services?

Explanatory Statement

No Statement Submitted

Statement For

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Since the mid-1980's our community has supported this vital lifesaving service. This year our Fire District, Snohomish County Fire District 19, is asking us to once again approve and continue this important service to our community.

In 2004 our community re-approved a six year EMS levy of \$.50 per \$1,000 of assessed value. As a result of Washington State property tax limits and changes in assessed values, the current levy has decreased to \$.43 per \$1,000 of assess value in 2010.

Our Fire District is asking the community to once again re-approve our EMS levy to \$.50 per \$1,000, a \$.07 increase, to help ensure the continuation of this important community service. In addition, to help direct more of the Fire Department's resources towards life saving services instead of election and legal costs, we are being asked to approve this as a permanent levy.

It is important for all of us to remember that this is not a new tax but a renewal of an existing levy that will be expiring in 2011. At \$.50 per \$1,000 of assessed value, this is a small price to pay for the assurance that our volunteer firefighters, EMT's, and Paramedics have the necessary equipment and training to respond around the clock to community medical emergencies.

We ask you to join us in supporting our local volunteer firefighters and paramedics and to assist them in providing the quality life saving services that are so vital to the safety of our community.

No Statement Against Submitted