

Fire Protection District No. 21

Proposition 1

Ballot Title

Permanent Levy for Emergency Medical Services

Will Snohomish County Fire District 21 be authorized to impose a PERMANENT regular property tax levy of \$.50 or less per thousand dollars of assessed valuation for emergency medical services?

Explanatory Statement

Snohomish County Fire Protection District No. 21 has traditionally presented to the voters a six-year levy for emergency medical services (EMS). Every six years, the voters are required to re-approve the EMS levy. The costs of these recurring elections are paid by the citizens. RCW 84.52.069 authorizes the voters to establish a permanent EMS levy which does not require re-approval. This measure will establish a permanent property tax, not to exceed fifty (50) cents per \$1,000 of assessed value, to fund 24-hour EMS services, include basic life support and advanced life support paramedic services. This levy will be used only to fund paramedic and emergency medical services. This is not a new tax. Passage of this new permanent levy will continue the current level of service provided by Snohomish County Fire Protection District No. 21 at the same rate as last approved by the voters.

Statement For

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In Fire District 21, we are fortunate to have emergency medical service that is prompt, professional and compassionate. Passage of Prop. 1 will provide the continuation of this vital life-saving service at its current level.

This is not a new tax. We receive around-the-clock, state-of-the-art emergency medical service which provides both basic and advanced life support to our citizens by the City of Arlington under an existing agreement. Emergency medical technicians and paramedics with advanced training to treat the most serious medical emergencies are provided with this funding.

All of these services were made possible thanks to your support of past EMS levies. The last EMS levy of 50 cents per \$1,000 was approved by voters in 2004. Prop. 1 will reauthorize the EMS levy at that same rate to continue our current level of service.

Vote yes on Prop. 1 to support your firefighters and maintain excellent emergency medical services for the citizens of Fire Protection District 21. Every second counts in a medical emergency and this is a small price to pay to ensure help arrives quickly when we call 911!

No Statement Against Submitted