

Fire Protection District No. 22

Proposition 1

Ballot Title

Proposition Authorizing Restoration of Previous Property Tax Levies

The Board of Commissioners of Snohomish County Fire Protection District No. 22 adopted Resolution No. 2010-1 concerning the District's regular property tax levy for maintenance and operations. This proposition would restore the District's regular property tax levy for maintenance and operations to an amount not to exceed \$1.50 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation to be levied in 2010 for collection in 2011. The dollar amount of the 2010 levy shall serve as the base for the purpose of computing subsequent levies as provided by chapter 84.55 RCW. Should this proposition be approved or rejected?

Explanatory Statement

Snohomish County Fire Protection District No. 22 provides emergency medical, rescue and fire protection services. This proposition will authorize the District to restore its regular real property tax levy to a maximum rate of \$1.50 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation for one year. The District previously levied a \$1.50 in 2001 and its current levy rate is \$.84 per thousand of assessed valuation.

Approval of this measure will prevent a potential reduction in services and will allow the District to maintain and improve the level of fire protection and emergency medical services currently provided. If the levy is approved, the District would be able to collect \$1.50 of assessed valuation in 2011. In subsequent years, absent further voter approval, the District would be limited to a 1% increase in property tax collections based initially on the amount levied in 2010, subject to the \$1.50 per \$1,000.00 of assessed value maximum.

The District's Board of Commissioners has found that restoring the levy rate is necessary to maintain an effective level of services, fire fighter staffing, equipment and facilities in light of rising costs.

If the levy is approved, the maximum tax per \$100,000 assessed valuation would not exceed \$150.00 each year or approximately \$12.50 per month for fire protection and emergency medical services.

No Statement For Submitted

No Statement Against Submitted