

Fire Protection District No. 25

Proposition 1

Ballot Title

Permanent Levy for Emergency Medical Services

Will Snohomish County Fire Protection District 25 be authorized to impose a PERMANENT regular property tax levy of \$.50 or less per thousand dollars of assessed valuation for emergency medical services?

No Statement For Submitted

No Statement Against Submitted

Explanatory Statement

Snohomish Co. Fire District #25 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 in addition to the regular property tax levy for collection in 2011 and every year thereafter, and will be used only to fund emergency medical services.

Passage of this new permanent levy will continue the current level of service provided by Fire District 25 at the same rate as last approved by the voters.