Snohomish County Elections
A Division of the Auditor's Office

Ballot Measure Cover Sheet
Receipt of Resolution Calling for an Election

Please complete this form and submit with your resolution by the deadline date. Materials may be submitted via mail, email, fax, or in person. Call 425-388-3321 with questions about submitting a resolution or completing this form.

District Information

District Name: Snohomish County Fire Protection District #5
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Election Information

Election Date: August 2, 2022
Type of Measure: Single Year Permanent EMS Levy Lid Lift
(e.g., Levy, Bond, Levy Lid Lift, etc.)
Pass/Fail Requirements: Simple Majority RCW 84.55.050(1)
(e.g., Simple Majority, 60% plus minimum turnout, etc.)

Attorney Information

Name: Brian Snure
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Have you included:

☐ Resolution signed by governing body?
☐ Explanatory Statement (not to exceed 200 words) with a letter from the district’s attorney attesting that it was prepared by him/her?
☐ Pro and Con Committee Appointment Forms?

Explanatory statements and pro/con statements are printed in the local voters' pamphlet for every election.

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SNOMISH COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 5
RESOLUTION NO. 2022-04

RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION OF EMS LEVY LID LIFT
(Primary Election)

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF SNOMISH COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT No. 5, PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE DISTRICT AT A SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD WITHIN THE DISTRICT ON AUGUST 2, 2022, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE STATE PRIMARY ELECTION TO BE HELD ON THE SAME DATE, OF A PROPOSITION AUTHORIZING THE DISTRICT TO RESTORE THE DISTRICT’S PERMANENT EMS LEVY TO AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $.50 PER $1,000.00 OF TRUE AND ASSESSED VALUATION SUBJECT TO OTHERWISE APPLICABLE STATUTORY LIMITATIONS.

Background: WHEREAS, it is the judgment of the Board of Commissioners of the District that it is essential and necessary for the protection of the health and life of the residents of the District that emergency medical services be provided by the District. Such services will necessitate the expenditure of revenues for station maintenance, operations, equipment and personnel in excess of those which can be provided by the District’s EMS tax revenue levied at the current rate per $1,000.00 of assessed valuation of taxable property within the District as limited by the 101% limitation.

WHEREAS, In 2003, the voters within the District previously authorized the District to levy regular property taxes for Emergency Medical Services at the maximum statutory dollar rate of $.50 per $1,000 of assessed value on a permanent basis. In 2010 the voters approved a lid lift to restore the levy rate to $.50 per thousand. Due to a variety of factors, the District currently levies its regular property tax levy for Emergency Medical Services at a dollar rate of approximately $.276 per $1,000 of assessed value.

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners has determined that it is in the best interest of the District that the maximum allowable levy in 2022 to be collected in 2023 authorized by this Resolution serve as the levy base for purposes of applying the limit factor established by RCW 84.55.010 in subsequent years.

Resolution: NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Snohomish County Fire Protection District No. 5, Sultan, Washington as follows:

Section 1. In order to provide emergency medical services in the District, it is necessary for the District to operate and maintain emergency medical service vehicles and to maintain station facilities to be staffed by properly trained personnel equipped with proper emergency medical equipment.

Section 2. In order to provide the revenue adequate to pay the costs of providing adequate life protection services and facilities as described in Section 1 and to maintain reserve funds sufficient to assure the continuation of such services, the District shall, in accordance with RCW 84.55.050, remove the limitation on EMS Levy property taxes imposed by RCW 84.55.010, and levy beginning in 2022 and collect beginning in 2023, pursuant to RCW 84.52.069 an EMS Levy on

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taxable property within the District at a maximum rate of $.50 per $1,000.00 of assessed valuation subject to otherwise applicable statutory limits.

Section 3. If approved by the voters, the amount levied in 2022 for collection in 2023, shall serve as the District’s tax levy base for purposes of applying the limit factor established by RCW 84.55.010 in subsequent years.

Section 4. In accordance with RCW 84.52.069 the funds raised by such levy shall be used only for the provision of emergency medical services, including related personnel costs, service contract costs, training for such personnel, and related equipment, supplies, vehicles and structures needed for the provision of emergency medical services.

Section 5. There shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the District for their ratification or rejection, at a special election on August 2, 2022, in conjunction with the state primary election to be held on the same date, the question of whether or not the EMS tax levy of the District should be restored to $.50 per $1,000.00 of true and assessed valuation, subject to otherwise applicable statutory limitations. The Board of Commissioners hereby requests the auditor of Snohomish County, as ex-officio Supervisor of Elections, call such election, and to submit the following proposition at such election, in the form of a ballot title substantially as follows:

Name of Jurisdiction: Snohomish County Fire Protection District No. 5
Proposition #: Proposition No. 1
Short Title: Emergency Medical Services Levy Lid Lift

Ballot Title: The Board of Snohomish County Fire Protection District No. 5 adopted Resolution No. 2022-04 concerning a proposition to restore its Emergency Medical Services regular property tax levy.

This proposition authorizes the District to restore its Emergency Medical Services regular property tax levy to $0.50 per $1,000 of assessed value in 2022 for collection in 2023 in order to maintain and improve emergency medical services. The dollar amount of the 2022 levy collected in 2023 shall serve as the base for computing subsequent levy limitations as provided by chapter 84.55 RCW.

Should this Proposition be:

Approved............... ☐
Rejected................. ☐

Section 6. In accordance with RCW 84.55.050(1), the ballot measure requires approval of a simple majority of the voters to pass.

Section 7. The Board hereby assigns to the Fire Chief or designee the task of appointing members to a committee to advocate voters’ approval of the proposition and to a committee to prepare arguments advocating voters’ rejection of the proposition.

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Section 8. For purposes of receiving notice of any matters related to the ballot title, as provided in RCW 29A.36.080, the Board hereby designates the Fire Chief and legal counsel as the individuals to whom the County Auditor shall provide such notice.

Section 9. The Chief is authorized to implement such administrative procedures as may be necessary to carry out the directives of this resolution, including modifying the text of the ballot title and any other text, language and/or descriptions relative thereto necessary to conform such ballot title, text, language and/or descriptions to the intent of the parties, consistent with the objectives of this resolution.

Section 10. The Chief, or designee, is hereby authorized and directed, no later than May 13, 2022, to provide to the County Auditor a certified copy of this resolution and the proper District officials are authorized to perform such other duties or take such other actions as are necessary or required by law to the end that the proposition described in this resolution appear on the ballot before the voters at the August 2, 2022 election.

Section 11. If any section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this resolution is declared unconstitutional or invalid for any reason, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this resolution.

Section 12. Any act consistent with the authority and prior to the effective date of this resolution is hereby ratified and affirmed.

Section 13. This resolution shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage.

Adoption: ADOPTED by the Board of Commissioners of Snohomish County Fire Protection District No. 5, Sultan, WA, at a regular open public meeting of such Board on the 14th day of March, 2022, the following Commissioners being present and voting:

[Signatures of Commissioners]

Secretary Barth
Election Date: August 2, 2022
Name of Jurisdiction Submitting Measure: Snohomish County Fire Protection District No. 5
Contact Name: Chief Seth Johnson
Daytime Contact Phone Number: 360-799-0563

PROPOSITION NO. 1

BALLOT ISSUE EXPLANATORY STATEMENT
(200 Word Limit)

If approved by the voters, the District will be authorized to restore its emergency medical services (EMS) property tax levy to $0.50 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation the rate initially approved by the voters in 1998, 2003, and 2010. The Board of Commissioners will establish the actual levy rate.

Approval of this measure will allow the District to maintain and improve the level of emergency medical services currently provided on a continuing basis. The District must use the EMS tax revenue exclusively for emergency medical services. The District will use these funds to implement an Advanced Life Support Program which will reduce the reliance on outside agencies for this level of care and increase the staffing available for EMS emergencies to provide advanced cardiac, trauma and medical treatments not currently available locally. The amount levied by the District in 2022 for collection in 2023 will serve as the based for computing future one percent increases allowed by the law.

If the levy is approved, the maximum tax per $100,000 assessed valuation would not exceed $50.00 each year or approximately $4.17 per month for emergency medical services.

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