Balloon 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 District #21
Contact Person Name: Ch-live C. S. Vocal
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Election Information

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

Attorney Information

Name: Richard Davis III
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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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SNOHOMISH COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 21

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-04

RESTORING PROPERTY TAX LEVY

A RESOLUTION of the Board of Commissioners of Snohomish County Fire Protection District No. 21 (the "District") providing for the submission to the voters of the District at a special election to be held therein on August 2, 2022, in conjunction with the State primary election to be held on the same day, a proposition authorizing a regular property tax levy of $1.30 per $1,000.00 in assessed valuation.

WHEREAS, the Board of Fire Commissioners (the “Board”) of the District recognizes that its provision of fire and emergency medical services is essential and necessary for the protection of the health and life of the residents of the District, which requires expenditure of revenues for maintenance, operations, and equipment;

WHEREAS, the last levy lid lift for the District was in 2019, and the current levy rate for the District is approximately $1.09 per $1,000.00 assessed value;

WHEREAS, the District's levy increases are limited by state law to an increase of 101% per year unless the voters of the District approve a greater increase;

WHEREAS, the District has determined it will not be able to maintain its present service levels to its citizens without the approval of a levy lid lift;

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that the demands for, and increasing costs of, providing services, as well as planned capital improvement projects, will necessitate the expenditure in excess of those which can be provided by the District's regular tax revenue levied at the current rate as limited by the 101% limitation; and

WHEREAS, the funds generated by this levy will not supplant existing funds used for the delivery of fire and emergency services in the District.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, as follows:

Section 1. The District shall provide fire and emergency medical services, including related personnel costs, training for such personnel, and related equipment, supplies, vehicles, and structures needed for the provision of fire and emergency medical services, as authorized by law.

Section 2. In order to provide the revenue adequate to pay the costs of maintaining and providing the services described in Section 1 and to assure the continuation and improvement of such services, the District shall, in accordance with RCW 84.55.050, remove the limitation on regular property taxes imposed by RCW 84.55.010, levy beginning in 2022, and collect beginning in 2023, pursuant to RCW 52.16.130 and RCW 52.16.140, general tax on taxable property within the District at a rate of $1.30 per $1,000.00 of assessed valuation. The resulting levy dollar amount would thereafter be used for the purpose of computing the limitations for subsequent levies under RCW 84.55.060.
Section 3. There shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the District for their ratification or rejection at an election on August 2, 2022, the question of whether or not such levy shall be made.

Section 4. The District’s attorney is authorized to make such minor adjustments to the wording of such proposition as deemed appropriate or as may be recommended by the Snohomish County Prosecuting Attorney’s Office or the Snohomish County Auditor and its Supervisor of Elections, as long as the intent of the proposition remains clear and as approved by the Board.

Section 5. Pursuant to RCW 84.55.050 and 29A.36.071, the Snohomish County Prosecuting Attorney is requested to prepare the concise description of the aforesaid proposition for the ballot title in substantially the following form:

PROPOSITION NO. 1
SNOHOMISH COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 21
RESTORING REGULAR PROPERTY TAX LEVY

The Board of Fire Commissioners of Snohomish County Fire Protection District No. 21 (the “District”), adopted Resolution No. 2022-04 authorizing a regular property tax levy of $1.30 per $1,000 of assessed valuation. This proposition would authorize the District to impose a regular property tax levy at $1.30 per $1,000 of assessed valuation for 2022 (the same level as in 2019) and thereafter subject to any otherwise applicable statutory dollar rate limitations. The dollar amount of this levy would be used for the purpose of computing the limitations for subsequent levies under RCW 84.55.050. Should this proposal be approved?

YES.........................☐
NO..........................☐

Section 6. The Secretary of the District is directed to (a) certify to the Auditor a copy of this Resolution showing its adoption by the Board by May 13, 2022; and (b) perform such other duties as are necessary and required by law in submitting to the voters of the District at the aforesaid election the proposition of whether such tax levy shall be made.

Section 7. The Fire Chief of the District is authorized to implement such administrative procedures as may be necessary to carry out the directives of this legislation.

Section 8. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect upon passage and signatures hereon.

Section 9. If any provision of this resolution is declared by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, then such provision shall be null and void and shall be severable from the remaining provisions of this resolution, and shall in no way affect the validity of the other provisions of this resolution.
ADOPTED by the Board of Fire Commissioners of Snohomish County Fire Protection District No. 21, at a regularly scheduled open public meeting thereof this 9th day of May, 2022 of which notice was given in the manner provided by law, the following Commissioners being present and voting.

SNOHOMISH COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 21

By: [Signature]
David Safford, Commissioner

By: [Signature]
Ed Taff, Commissioner

By: [Signature]
Eric Nordstrom, Commissioner

ATTEST:

By: Chad Schmidt
Its: District Secretary, Board of Fire Commissioners
CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned, District Secretary of Snohomish County Fire Protection District No. 21, (the "District"), hereby certify as follows:

1. The attached copy of Resolution No. 2022-04 (the "Resolution") is a full, true, and correct copy of the Resolution duly adopted at a regular meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners of the District (the "Board") held on May 9, 2022, as the Resolution appears on the minute book of the District and the Resolution is now in full force and effect.

2. The regular meeting was held in accordance with law.

3. A quorum of the members of the Board was present throughout the meeting and a majority of those members present voted in the proper manner for the adoption of the Resolution.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 9 day of May, 2022.

Chad Schmidt, District Secretary
EXPLANATORY STATEMENT – PROPOSITION NO. 1

This measure restores the levy for Fire District 21 at the level previously approved by voters in 2019. This levy is the primary source of funding for emergency services provided by Fire District 21. State limitations on funding increases do not allow the Fire District to keep up with increasing labor and operational costs. Passage of Proposition No. 1 will allow the Fire District to restore its levy rate to $1.30 per $1,000 of assessed valuation as otherwise authorized by law. Voter approval of Proposition No. 1 will provide funding for the District to maintain its existing level of service for fire and emergency medical services.