

**Whatcom County Fire Protection District No. 4 Explanatory Statement  
Proposition 1 – Lid Lift**

**Election Date:** August 3, 2021

**Name of Jurisdiction**  
**Submitting Measure:** Whatcom County Fire Protection District No. 4

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Fire District No. 4 (the District) is placing a one-year lid lift on the August ballot. State law limits annual growth of the tax levy to 1%. This has caused the tax rate to fall to \$0.82 per thousand, as property values increased. Approval would raise the rate to \$1.45 for 2022. The dollar amount of the 2022 levy would be used to calculate future 1% increases. If approved, property worth \$400,000.00 could anticipate an increase of approximately \$21.00 monthly. This will provide sustainable funding comparable to neighboring districts. In 2022, District No. 4 will have no EMS levy.