

WHATCOM COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 8

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-03

A RESOLUTION of the Board of Fire Commissioners of Fire District No. 8, Whatcom County, Washington providing for the submission to the voters of the District at a special election to be held therein on February 11, 2020, a proposition authorizing a general property tax levy of approximately seventy-seven cents (\$0.77) per one-thousand dollars (\$1,000) of assessed valuation to be collected first in 2021, eighty cents (\$0.80) per one-thousand dollars (\$1,000) of assessed valuation to be collected in 2022, eighty-four cents (\$0.84) per one-thousand dollars (\$1,000) of assessed valuation to be collected in 2023 and eighty-seven cents (\$0.87) per one-thousand dollars (\$1,000) of assessed valuation to be collected in 2024, to provide funds to continue providing fire protection and emergency medical services without a degradation in the level of service.

WHEREAS, the Board of Fire Commissioners (the "Board") of Whatcom County Fire Protection District No. 8 (the "District") has determined that it is essential and necessary for the protection of health, life, and property of the residents of the District that fire and emergency medical services enumerated in this resolution be provided by the District; and

WHEREAS, the District does not obtain sufficient revenue from its regular property tax levy to provide fire and emergency medical services at the level that it currently provides. The purpose of this special levy would be to provide sufficient funds to maintain the level of services during 2021, and for three consecutive years thereafter. The funds obtained through the excess levy will be used to pay regular maintenance and operation costs, to finance capital improvement expenses for fire district facilities, and to maintain the current level of emergency services.

WHEREAS, the Constitution and the laws of the State of Washington require that the question of whether such taxes may be levied must be submitted to the qualified electors of the District for their ratification or rejection.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, as follows:

Section 1. The Auditor of Whatcom County, Washington, as *ex officio* Supervisor of Elections (the "Auditor"), is requested to call and conduct an election in the District, in the manner provided by law, to be held herein on February 11, 2020 in conjunction with the State special election to be held on the same date, for the purpose of submitting to the voters of the District the following proposition in the form of a ballot title substantially as set forth below.

Section 2. Pursuant to RCW 29A.36.071, as amended, the Whatcom County Prosecuting Attorney is requested to prepare the concise description of the aforesaid proposition for the ballot title in substantially the following form:

**FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 8
WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

PROPOSITION NO. 1

TAX LEVY FOR MAINTENANCE, FACILITIES AND OPERATIONS

CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned, Secretary of Whatcom County Fire Protection District No. 8, (the "District"), hereby certify as follows:

1. The attached copy of Resolution No. 2019-03 (the "Resolution") is a full, true, and correct copy of the Resolution duly adopted at a regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners of the District (the "Board") held on December 12, 2019, 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 14th day of November, 2019.



Dana Lyon, District Secretary
Board of Fire Commissioners