

LEVY FOR EMERGENCY SERVICES EXPLANATORY STATEMENT:

This proposition would authorize Whatcom County to renew the additional regular property tax levy approved by the voters in 2016 to fund the countywide provision of emergency medical services (EMS), including related personnel costs, training, equipment, supplies, vehicles and structures. To provide stable funding for EMS at the current level and sustain the system into the future, the renewed levy would be imposed at the same rate of \$0.295 or less per \$1000 of assessed valuation as the existing EMS levy on all taxable property within Whatcom County and would continue for six consecutive years, beginning in 2023.