

RESOLUTION COVER SHEET

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Name of District: East County Fire and Rescue
District Address: 1000 NE 26th, Camas, WA 98607
Date of Election: 11/6/2018
Contact Person: Michael Taggart Title: Commissioner/Chair Person
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Type of election (levy, bond, lid lift, etc.): Multiple Year Permanent Lid Lift

Please state the pass/fail requirements for this measure (i.e., simple majority, 60% super majority, etc.) as determined by your legal counsel, together with applicable statutory references: Simple Majority, RCW 84.55.050(1).

**EAST COUNTY FIRE AND RESCUE
RESOLUTION NO. 241-07172018
RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION OF LEVY
(General - Multi Year - Permanent)**

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF EAST COUNTY FIRE AND RESCUE, PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE DISTRICT AT AN ELECTION TO BE HELD WITHIN THE DISTRICT ON NOVEMBER 6, 2018, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE STATE GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON THE SAME DATE, OF A PROPOSITION RESTORING THE DISTRICT'S PROPERTY TAX LEVY RATE TO \$1.50 PER \$1,000.00 OF TRUE AND ASSESSED VALUATION AND ESTABLISHING A LIMIT FACTOR OF 106% SUBJECT TO OTHERWISE APPLICABLE STATUTORY LIMITATIONS FOR THE FOLLOWING FIVE YEARS.

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 fire and emergency medical services be provided by the District.

WHEREAS, the accelerated demands for, and increasing costs of, providing these services necessitate the continued expenditure of revenues for personnel, operations and equipment at a level that cannot be sustained by the District's regular tax revenue levied at the current rate of \$1.29 per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation of taxable property within the District as constrained by the one percent limit factor established by RCW 84.55.010.

WHEREAS, the District has previously levied its real property tax at the rate of \$1.50 per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation of taxable property within the District in 2008.

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners has determined that it is in the best interest of the District that the maximum allowable levy in the sixth year of the levy 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 East County Fire and Rescue Clark County, Washington as follows:

Section 1. In order to provide fire protection, prevention and emergency medical services in the District, it is necessary for the District to obtain, operate and maintain emergency fire and medical aid vehicles and facilities staffed by properly trained personnel equipped with suitable firefighting and 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 regular property taxes imposed by RCW 84.55.010 and levy beginning in 2018 and collect beginning in 2019, pursuant to RCW 52.16.130, RCW 52.16.140 and RCW

52.16.160, a general tax on taxable property within the District at a rate of \$1.50 per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation subject to otherwise applicable statutory limits.

Section 3. 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 beyond 2018, the District has determined that the limit factor for each year shall be 106%. Such percentage shall be used to determine the actual levy rate, subject to the maximum statutory rate of \$1.50 per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation, in 2019-2023. The funds raised under this levy shall not supplant existing funds used for the purposes described in Section 1.

Section 4. The dollar amount levied 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 5. There shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the District for their ratification or rejection, at an election on November 6, 2018, in conjunction with the state general election to be held on the same date, the question of whether or not the regular property tax levy of the District should be restored to \$1.50 per \$1,000.00 of true and assessed valuation in 2018 and be adjusted by 106% for the following five years, subject to otherwise applicable statutory limitations. The auditor of Clark County, as ex-officio Supervisor of Elections, is hereby requested to call such special election, and to submit the following proposition at such election, in the form of a ballot title substantially as follows:

Name of Jurisdiction: East County Fire and Rescue
Proposition #: Proposition No. 1
Short Title: Multiple Year Levy Lid Lift.

Ballot Title: The Board of East County Fire and Rescue adopted Resolution No. 241-07172018 concerning a proposition to maintain and adequately fund District operations.

In order to maintain fire protection and emergency medical services and provide for firefighter safety, this proposition authorizes the District to restore its regular property tax levy to \$1.50 per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation for collection in 2019 and authorizes annual increases of up to 6% for each of the succeeding five years. The maximum allowable levy in 2023 shall serve as the base for 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 shall require approval of a simple majority of voters.

Section 7. The Board hereby assigns to the 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.

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 Chief or designee and legal counsel as the individuals to whom the County Auditor shall provide such notice.

Section 9. The Chief or designee 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 August 7, 2018, 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 November 6, 2018 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.

ADOPTED by the Board of Commissioners of East County Fire and Rescue, Clark County, Washington, at an open public meeting of such Board on the 17 day of July 2018, the following commissioners being present and voting:

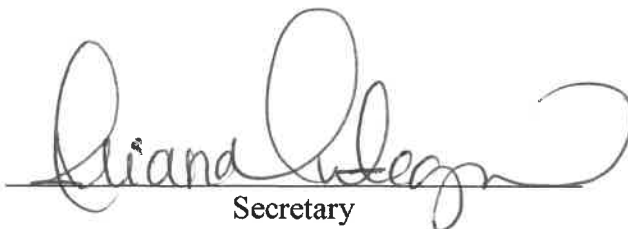

Commissioner


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Secretary

Election Date: November 6, 2018

Name of Jurisdiction Submitting Measure: East County Fire and Rescue

Contact Name: Michael Taggart

Daytime Contact Phone Number: 951-492-9309

EAST COUNTY FIRE AND RESCUE

PROPOSITION NO. 1

BALLOT ISSUE EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

East County Fire and Rescue provides emergency fire protection and medical services to its citizens. If approved by the voters, this proposition will authorize the District to restore its regular real property tax levy rate to \$1.50 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation in 2018 for collection in 2019 (the District currently levies taxes at the rate of \$1.29 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation) and will establish an annual growth rate of up to 6% for following five years. The dollar amount levied in 2023 shall serve as the District's tax levy base and in 2024, absent further voter approval, the tax levy will be subject to the statutory one percent limit.

The District's Board of Commissioners has determined that this proposition is necessary to maintain an effective level of services, fire fighter staffing, equipment and facilities in light of rising costs. Approval of this measure will allow the District to maintain the level of fire protection and emergency medical services provided to its citizens.

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