



# Resolution Cover Sheet

This form is mandatory and must accompany each resolution.

24-002

Name of District: Lewis County Fire District 17  
 District Address: 136 Osborn Rd Ashford WA, 98304  
 Date of Election: April 23, 2024  
 Contact Person: Dennis Day Title: Fire Commissioner 1st chair  
 Contact Phone: 253 466 8783 Email: Lewiscofire17@gmail.com  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Contact Person: Matt Medford Title: Fire Chief  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Contact Phone: 360 569 2752 Email: matt.medford@pcfd23.org

Attorney for District: Richard A. Davis III CSD Attorneys At Law  
 Attorney Phone: 360-306-3000 Attorney Email: rdavis@csdlaw.com

Type of Election (levy, bond, lid lift, sales tax, etc.): EMS, lid lift

Pass/Fail requirement for this measure as determined by your legal counsel: \_\_\_\_\_

☒ Simple majority or majority 50% +1

☐ Supermajority or 60%

Applicable statutory reference as determined by legal counsel: RCW 84.52.069 ; RCW 84.55.050

Validation requirement as determined by your legal counsel. The minimum number of voters "required" to turnout (cast a ballot) in an excess levy or bond election.

This issue requires validation: ☐ Yes ☒ No

This form must accompany each resolution filed with Lewis County Elections. The contact person or persons should have the authority to do so and be available to answer questions.

LEWIS COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 17

RESOLUTION NO. 24-002

AUTHORIZING PROPERTY TAX LEVY

A **RESOLUTION** of the Board of Fire Commissioners (the "Board") of Lewis County Fire Protection District No. 17 (the "District") providing for the submission to the voters of the District at a special election to be held therein on April 23, 2024, in conjunction with the State special election to be held on the same day, a proposition authorizing a regular property tax levy of Fifty Cents (\$0.50) per One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) in assessed valuation.

**WHEREAS**, 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, equipment, and structures;

**WHEREAS**, the District currently receives Emergency Medical Services from Pierce County Fire District No. 23 ("PCFD 23") pursuant to an Interlocal Agreement, which is not a permanent solution, and which does not ensure continuity of Emergency Medical Services for the constituents of the District;

**WHEREAS**, the Board has determined that a merger into PCFD 23 should be pursued in order to permanently guarantee uninterrupted Emergency Medical Services;

**WHEREAS**, in order to set the stage for a potential merger to be voted upon by registered voters within the District, it is critical to align the levy rate of the District's EMS Levy more closely with that of PCFD 23, a goal that this measure will accomplish if approved;

**WHEREAS**, the current EMS levy rate for the District is approximately .30 Cents (\$0.30) per One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) assessed value; and

**WHEREAS**, the District's levy increases are limited by state law to an increase of one hundred one percent (101%) per year unless the voters of the District approve a greater increase.

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

**SECTION 1.** There shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the District for their ratification or rejection at an election on April 23, 2024, the question of whether the regular EMS property tax levy of the District shall be set at and maintained at Fifty Cents (\$0.50) per One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) of assessed value; such levy to be made in 2024 for collection in 2025, and in succeeding years, on all the taxable property within the District (such assessed value representing one hundred percent (100%) of true and fair value unless specifically provided otherwise by law), subject to otherwise applicable statutory limitations.

**SECTION 2.** 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 Lewis County Prosecuting Attorney's Office or the Lewis County Auditor, as long as the intent of the proposition remains clear and as approved by the Board.

**SECTION 3.** Pursuant to RCW 84.55.050 and 29A.36.071, the Lewis 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  
LEWIS COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 17  
AUTHORIZING REGULAR PROPERTY TAX LEVY**

The Board of Fire Commissioners of Lewis County Fire Protection District No. 17, adopted Resolution No. 24002 authorizing a regular property tax levy for Emergency Medical Services of Fifty Cents (\$0.50) per One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00). This proposition would authorize the District to restore its regular property tax levy of Fifty Cents (\$0.50) per One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) of assessed valuation for 2024 and thereafter pursuant to RCW 84.55.050. 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 February 23, 2024; 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 Resolution.


**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 or illegal, 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 Lewis County Fire Protection District No. 17, at a regularly scheduled open public meeting thereof this 14 day of February, 2024, of which notice was given in the manner provided by law, the following Fire Commissioners being present and voting.

**LEWIS COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION  
DISTRICT NO. 17**

By:   
Dennis Day, Commissioner

By:   
Thomas O'Haver, Commissioner



By:  
Nicolas Waruszewski, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Julie Day, District Secretary

□

**CERTIFICATION**

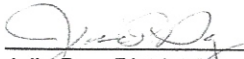
I, the undersigned, Secretary of Lewis County Fire Protection District No. 17, (the "District"), hereby certify as follows:

1. The attached copy of Resolution No. 24-007 (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 the 14 day of February, 2024, 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 14 day of Feb, 2024.

  
Julie Day, District Secretary  
Board of Fire Commissioners

**EXPLANATORY STATEMENT – PROPOSITION NO. 1**

Proposition No. 1 would restore the emergency medical services levy rate for Lewis County Fire Protection District No. 17 (the "District") to Fifty Cents (\$0.50) per One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) of assessed valuation, which is a level previously approved by the voters in 2021. The District intends to commence the steps later this year to merge into the Pierce County Fire District No. 23 ("PCFD 23") which currently provides EMS services to the District by contract. Voter approval of this measure will closely align the District's EMS levy rate with that of PCFD 23 such that the merger, if approved, would result in minimal tax adjustments for the property owners in either district.

RESOLUTION NO. 24-002  
AUTHORIZING PROPERTY TAX LEVY – 2



# Lewis County Prosecuting Attorney's Office

345 W. Main Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Chehalis, WA 98532  
Phone: (360) 740-1240  
Fax: (360) 740-1497  
TDD: (360) 740-1480

## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** The Auditor's Office  
**FROM:** Robert W. Bradley, Civil Deputy Prosecuting Attorney  
**RE:** Approval of Ballot Language and Explanatory Statement  
**DATE:** March 1, 2024

---

Our office has reviewed the proposed levies for Lewis County Fire District 17. The ballot language and explanatory statements are impartial, written in clear and concise language, avoid the use of legal and technical terms whenever possible, and do not exceed statutory word limits.

Our office approves both as to form.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Robert Bradley", with a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

Robert W. Bradley  
Civil Deputy Prosecuting Attorney  
Lewis County Prosecuting Attorney's Office

END

**It is the Mission of the Lewis County Prosecutor's Office to zealously seek justice in all criminal matters, consistently promote public confidence in the legal system, and diligently represent county government while adhering to the highest ethical and moral standards.**