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# Resolution Cover Sheet

This form must accompany each resolution.

Name of District: Lewis County Fire District #17  
District Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Election: 11-3-20  
Contact Person/Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
Contact Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ email: \_\_\_\_\_

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Type of Election (levy, bond, lid lift, sales tax, etc.): Levy  
Pass/Fail Requirements for this measure as determined by your legal counsel:

- Simple majority or majority 50% +1       Supermajority or 60%

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

This issue requires validation:     Yes       No

Notes:  
Continuation levy / renewal of expiring 6 year  
EMS Levy

**Questions?**  
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**RESOLUTION NO. 20-001  
LEWIS COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT 17**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF LEWIS COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT 17 PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE FIRE DISTRICT, AT THE GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD IN NOVEMBER, 2020 A PROPOSITION AUTHORIZING AN EMS LEVY OF THE REGULAR TAX ON TAXABLE PROPERTY WITHIN THE FIRE DISTRICT AS AUTHORIZED IN CHAPTER 84.55 RCW.**

**WHEREAS:** Lewis County Fire District 17 did have approved by the electors on August 5, 2014, Proposition 1 which replaced an expiring EMS levy and instituted a new six-year EMS levy in the amount of .50 cents per thousand dollars of assessed value of property and

**WHEREAS:** The previously passed Proposition No. 1 is set to expire, and it is in the judgment of the undersigned commissioners that it is essential and necessary for the protection of the health and safety of the residents of the District that emergency medical services be provided, and a EMS Levy be established to generate revenue for maintenance, operations, equipment, and personnel for emergency medical services rendered within the District for the next six years.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF LEWIS COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT 17, LEWIS COUNTY, WASHINGTON:**

Section 1: To continue to meet the existing needs for EMS services and to satisfy personnel needs including training and to provide basic EMS service supplies at levels in keeping with effects of inflationary costs, the district requires funds for such needs.

Section 2: For the purpose of raising revenues adequate to pay costs attributable to provide adequate EMS services as described in section 1 of this resolution, and to maintain reserves sufficient to assure continuation of those services the district shall renew the EMS levy in 2020 to .50 cents per \$1,000.00 of true and fair assessed valuation.

Section 3: pursuant to RCW 84.52.069(2) the ballot measure is for a subsequent approval of an expiring EMS levy and shall require a simple majority of the registered voters thereof approving the proposition contained herein.

Section 4: Pursuant to RCW 84.52.069(5) the revenues raised by this EMS Levy shall only be used only for the provision of emergency medical care or emergency medical services, including related personnel costs, training for such personnel, and related equipment, supplies, vehicles and structures needed for the provision of emergency medical care or emergency medical services.

Section 5: There shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the district for their ratification or rejection at the general election on November 3, 2020 the proposition hereinafter set forth. The Board of Commissioners hereby declare that the Auditor of Lewis County as ex-officio Supervisor of Elections, is hereby requested to call said election and to submit the following proposition at said election in the form of a ballot title substantially as follows:

**LEWIS COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT 17  
PROPOSITION 1  
SIX YEAR EMS LEVY**

The Board of Commissioners of Lewis County Fire Protection District 17 (Big Creek) propose a six-year EMS renewal levy reauthorizing the existing levy rate. If Passed, Proposition 1 would permit the district to renew the EMS Levy, beginning collection in 2021 and extending for six years, for regular property tax levy not to exceed \$.50 per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation. Should Proposition No. 1 be approved?

YES \_\_\_\_\_

NO \_\_\_\_\_

Section 6: The undersigned designated Commissioner Dennis Day or his designee to receive any notices required under RCW 29.36.080 issued in connection with this ballot measure.

Adopted by the Board of Commissioners of Lewis County Fire District 17 at a regular meeting this 13<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2020 with the following commissioners present and voting:

  
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Commissioner

  
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Commissioner

\_\_\_\_\_  
Commissioner





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To: The Auditor's Office  
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Subject: Approval of Ballot Language  
Date: August 7, 2020

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Our office has reviewed the proposed levies for Lewis County Fire District #17. The ballot titles 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 as to form.

Sincerely,

Amber D. Smith  
Civil Deputy Prosecuting Attorney  
Lewis County Prosecuting Attorney's Office

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Lewis County Fire Protection District 17

Proposition 1

The previously passed emergency medical services levy is set to expire. It is the judgment of the commissioners that it is essential and necessary for the protection of the health and safety of the residents of the District that emergency medical services be provided, and that the EMS Levy be renewed to generate revenue for maintenance, operations, equipment, and personnel for emergency medical services rendered within the District for the next six years. This is not a new tax; it is a renewal of the previous tax passed in 2014 that is set to expire.

The revenues raised by this EMS Levy shall only be used for the provision of emergency medical care or emergency medical services, including related personnel costs, training for emergency medical personnel, and related equipment, supplies, vehicles and structures needed for the provision of emergency medical care or emergency medical services.

To continue to meet the existing needs for EMS services and to satisfy personnel needs including training and to provide basic EMS service supplies at levels in keeping with effects of inflationary costs, the district requires funds for such needs.

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