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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:

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:

### Questions?

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**RESOLUTION NO. 20-002  
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 ON THE 3<sup>rd</sup> DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2020 OF A PROPOSITION AUTHORIZING A LID LIFT 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 November 5, 2019 a one-year levy lid lift authorizing a general Maintenance and Operations Levy not to exceed \$1.00 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation within the District.

WHEREAS the District's current general levy rate for tax year 2020 is .94 dollars per \$1,000 assessed valuation.

WHEREAS the one year Levy Lid Lift passed by the voters in 2019 is set to expire, and the Board of Commissioners has determined that the accelerated demands for, and increasing costs of, providing services will necessitate additional expenditures, and the current the District has determined it will not be able to maintain its present service levels to its citizens without extending the levy lid lift approved by the voters in 2019 for an additional 6 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 fire services and to satisfy personnel needs including training and to provide basic fire service supplies at levels in keeping with effects of inflationary costs, the district requires funds.

Section 2: For the purpose of raising revenues adequate to pay costs attributable to provide adequate fire services as described in section 1 of this resolution, and to maintain reserves sufficient to assure continuation of those services the district shall maintain the levy lid not to exceed \$1.00 per \$1,000.00 of true and fair assessed valuation beginning in 2021 for the next six years,

Section 3: There shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the district for their ratification or rejection at the general election on November 5<sup>th</sup>, 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 2  
SIX YEAR LEVY LID LIFT**

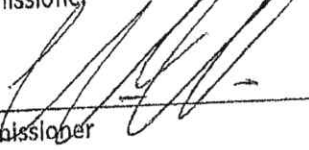
The Board of Commissioners of Lewis County Fire Protection District 17 (Big Creek) proposes a six-year levy lift reauthorizing the previous tax levy rate. If Passed, Proposition 2 would permit the district to maintain the 2020 levy rates, beginning collection in 2021 for six additional years, for regular property tax not to exceed \$1.00 per \$1000.00 of assessed valuation. Should Proposition No. 2 be approved?

YES \_\_\_\_\_

NO \_\_\_\_\_

Adopted by the Board of Commissioners of Lewis County Fire District 17 at a regular meeting this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2020 with the following commissioners present and voting:

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Commissioner

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Commissioner

\_\_\_\_\_  
Commissioner



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To: The Auditor's Office  
From: Amber D. Smith, Civil Deputy Prosecuting Attorney  
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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Amber D. Smith".

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

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Lewis County Fire Protection District 17

Proposition 2

The one year Levy passed by the voters in 2019 is set to expire, and the Commissioners have determined that the accelerated demands for, and increasing costs of, providing services will necessitate additional expenditures, and the current the District has determined it will not be able to maintain its present service levels to its citizens without extending the levy lid lift approved by the voters in 2019 for an additional six years.

This measure is necessary to ensure the district has adequate revenue to pay costs attributable to providing fire services within the district, and to maintain reserves sufficient to assure continuation of those services. The levy will allow the district to continue meeting the needs for fire services and to satisfy personnel needs (including firefighter training and basic firefighting supplies) at current levels for years to come.

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