

Resolution Cover Sheet

This form must accompany each resolution.

Name of District: Riverside Fire Authority

District Address: 1818 Harrison Avenue

Date of Election: February 9, 2021

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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. 20-15

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS FOR THE RIVERSIDE REGIONAL FIRE AUTHORITY (AUTHORITY) PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE AUTHORITY, AT AN ELECTION TO BE HELD WITHIN THE AUTHORITY ON FEBRUARY 9, 2021, OF A PROPOSITION AUTHORIZING THE SUBSEQUENT APPROVAL OF A LEVY OF A REGULAR PROPERTY TAX IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED FIFTY CENTS (\$0.50) PER THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,000.00) OF THE TRUE AND ASSESSED VALUATION OF PROPERTY WITHIN THE AUTHORITY, IN ADDITION TO ITS REGULAR PROPERTY TAX LEVY, AS AUTHORIZED IN RCW 84.52.069, EACH YEAR FOR SIX CONSECUTIVE YEARS, TO BE COLLECTED FIRST IN 2022, AND TO BE COLLECTED IN EACH YEAR SUCCEEDING THE YEAR OF THE LEVY. SAID LEVY SHALL PROVIDE FUNDS REQUIRED BY THE AUTHORITY FOR THE CONTINUED PROVISION OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES, INCLUDING PERSONNEL COSTS, TRAINING FOR SUCH PERSONNEL, AND RELATED EQUIPMENT, SUPPLIES AND VEHICLES.

WHEREAS: The Authority has heretofore received approval by qualified electors of an EMS levy as an additional regular property tax in an amount equal to \$0.50 per thousand dollars of assessed value of property to support the cost of basic emergency medical services provided by the Authority (and advanced life support/paramedic services where applicable); and

WHEREAS: Cardiovascular disease is the leading cause of death in the nation, in Lewis County and in the Authority; and

WHEREAS: It is the judgment of the Board of Fire Commissioners for the Authority that it is essential and necessary for the protection of the health and life of the residents of the Authority to continue providing 24-hour quality emergency medical services within the Authority. Such services necessitate the expenditure of revenues for maintenance, operations, equipment and personnel in excess of those moneys provided by the Authority's regular tax levy, for collection over the next six years beginning in 2022; and

WHEREAS: The Board of Fire Commissioners for the Authority desires to continue providing emergency medical services for the benefit of the citizens and residents of the Authority and therefore supports the proposed six-year EMS levy of up to 50 cents per thousand dollars assessed valuation until more permanent funding can be found for this important life-saving service.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS FOR THE RIVERSIDE REGIONAL FIRE AUTHORITY AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. To continue to meet the need for high quality emergency medical services, to satisfy personnel and equipment needs, and to generate revenues adequate to pay costs attributable to providing adequate emergency medical services, the Authority shall levy in 2021, for collection each year for six consecutive years beginning in 2022, a general tax on taxable property in the Authority an amount of up to \$0.50 per \$1,000 of true and fair assessed valuation.

Section 2. Pursuant to the authorization in RCW 84.52.069, as amended, this levy is a regular property tax levy in addition to the statutory tax rate limit of RCW 84.52.043 and is not subject to the limitation of RCW 84.55.010 for the first levy imposed pursuant to RCW 84.52.069(6), but is subject thereto for the remaining fire levies.

Section 3. This six-year levy must be approved by a simple majority of the registered voters of the Authority approving the proposition authorizing the levies, because this levy would be a subsequent approval of the EMS levy heretofore approved.

Section 4. There shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the Authority for their ratification or rejection, at an election on February 9, 2021, the proposition hereinafter set forth. The Board of Fire Commissioners for the Authority does 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:

**Proposition One – Riverside Regional Fire Authority
Tax Levy for Emergency Medical Services**

Official Ballot Title: The Board of Fire Commissioners of the Riverside Regional Fire Authority has passed Resolution No. 20-15 to authorize the subsequent approval of the existing EMS tax levy. If passed, Proposition No. 1 would permit the Authority to levy for collection in 2022, and for five years thereafter, an emergency medical services property tax levy at a rate not to exceed \$0.50 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation of taxable property within the Authority, which is the same rate authorized for collection in 2021.

Should Proposition No. 1 be:

Approved.....[]
Rejected.....[]

MOVED AND PASSED AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS FOR RIVERSIDE REGIONAL FIRE AUTHORITY ON DECEMBER 9, 2020, OF WHICH ALL COMMISSIONERS WERE NOTIFIED AND THE FOLLOWING WERE PRESENT AND VOTING:

Joe Dolezal
Commissioner



Lee Coumbs
Commissioner



Jay Johnson
Commissioner



Mike Tomasheck
Commissioner

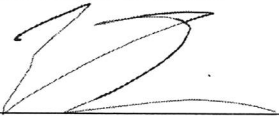
Matt Evans
Commissioner

Attest:



Stephanie Storey
Authority Secretary

Approved as to form:



ERIC T. QUINN, WSBA # 47354
Attorney for the Authority

**Explanatory Statement
Renewal of Emergency Medical Services Levy**

Election Date: February 9, 2021

Name of Jurisdiction
Submitting Measure: Riverside Regional Fire Authority

Contact Name: Chief Mike Kytta

Daytime Contact Phone Number: 360-736-3975

The Riverside Regional Fire Authority is placing a measure on the February ballot for renewal of the Authority's emergency medical services levy ("EMS Levy"). Re-authorization of the EMS Levy will continue funding emergency medical services throughout the Authority. The EMS Levy funds will continue to maintain emergency medical personnel, training, equipment, supplies, vehicles and facilities.

Passage of Proposition No. 1 will extend the current EMS Levy for an additional six years at the current rate of up to .50 cents per \$1,000 of assessed valuation. At this rate, the owner of a home assessed at \$200,000 pays \$100 per year to ensure timely emergency medical response and ambulance transportation to area hospitals, when necessary.

Explanatory Statement written by Eric T. Quinn, Attorney at Law.



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To: The Auditor's Office
From: Amber D. Smith, Civil Deputy Prosecuting Attorney
Subject: Approval of Ballot Language
Date: December 1, 2020

Our office has reviewed the proposed levies for [Riverside Regional Fire Authority](#). 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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