



Resolution Cover Sheet

This form is mandatory and must accompany each resolution.

Name of District: Lewis Co Fire District 10

District Address: PO Box 270

Date of Election: November , 2022

Contact Person: Barbara Wright Title: District Secretary

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2nd Contact Person: Lonnie Goble Title: Fire Chief

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

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(2)

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

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LEWIS COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 10
RESOLUTION NO. 2022-01
(GENERAL ELECTION)
RESOLUTION TO SUBMIT AN EMS LEVY

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF LEWIS COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 10 PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE DISTRICT AT A SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD WITHIN THE DISTRICT ON NOVEMBER 8, 2022, OF A PROPOSITION AUTHORIZING THE CONTINUATION OF AN EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES PROPERTY TAX LEVY NOT TO EXCEED \$.25 PER \$1,000.00 OF TRUE AND ASSESSED VALUATION, IN ADDITION TO ITS REGULAR PROPERTY TAX LEVY, FOR A PERIOD OF SIX CONSECUTIVE YEARS BEGINNING IN 2022 AND ENDING IN 2027 AND TO BE COLLECTED IN EACH SUCCEEDING YEAR (2023-2028) TO PROVIDE FUNDS REQUIRED BY THE DISTRICT TO ENABLE THE DISTRICT TO PROVIDE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES. THIS LEVY WILL REPLACE THE FINAL YEAR OF THE DISTRICT'S CURRENT EMS LEVY.

Background: WHEREAS, the District currently has a six-year EMS levy that was approved by the voters in 2016 and the last year of collection is 2022. Approval of this measure continues the current six-year EMS levy and restore the levy rate to \$.25 to be levied in 2022 for collection in 2023 and such levy would continue until the 2027 levy to be collected in 2028.

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 emergency medical services be provided by the District and that the EMS levy be established at \$.25 per \$1,000 of assessed property value. Such services will necessitate the expenditure of revenues for maintenance, operations, equipment and personnel in excess of those which can be provided by the District's regular tax levy;

Resolution: NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Lewis County Fire Protection District No. 10 as follows:

Section 1. In order to provide emergency medical services, it is necessary that the District perform the following functions:

- 1.1 Obtain, operate and maintain emergency medical vehicles and facilities staffed by properly trained emergency medical technicians and other medically trained personnel.
- 1.2 Obtain consumable medical supplies and medical appliances to equip such vehicles and facilities.
- 1.3 Continue to provide the level of service as deemed necessary by the Board of Commissioners of the Fire District.

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 continue its EMS levy by levying

each year for a period of six consecutive years beginning in 2022 and collect each year for a period of six consecutive years, beginning in 2023, a general tax on taxable property within the District, in addition to the regular levy for maintenance and operation costs, in an amount not to exceed \$.25 per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation of such property.

Section 3. In accordance with RCW 84.52.069 the funds raised by such levy shall be used only for the provision of emergency medical services, including related personnel costs, service contract costs, training for such personnel, and related equipment, supplies, vehicles and structures needed for the provision of emergency medical services.

Section 4. The District electors previously approved a six year EMS Levy in 2016 at the rate of \$.25 per thousand of assessed valuation which will expire at the end of 2022. This measure, if approved by the voters, would continue the EMS levy for an additional six years beginning in 2022 for collection in 2023.

Section 5. There shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the District for their ratification or rejection, at the general election on November 8, 2022, the question of whether or not such levy for emergency medical services shall be made each year for a period of six consecutive years, to be levied beginning in 2022, with the first levy to be collected in 2023. The Board of Commissioners hereby requests the auditor of Lewis County, as ex-officio Supervisors of Elections to call such election and to submit the following proposition at such election, in the form of a ballot title substantially as follows:

PROPOSITION NO.1

Lewis County Fire Protection District No. 10 - Board of Commissioners

Emergency Medical Services Property Tax Levy.

Will Lewis County Fire Protection District No. 10 be authorized to continue funding emergency medical services for its citizens by continuing a regular property tax levy of \$.25 or less per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation for a period of six consecutive years to be collected beginning in 2023?

Yes

No

Section 6. In accordance with RCW 84.52.069(2), the ballot measure is for a subsequent approval of an expiring EMS Levy and shall require a simple majority vote.

Section 7. The Board of Commissioners finds and declares that it is in the best interest of the District to have information regarding the ballot measure included in the local voters' pamphlet. Furthermore, that the appropriate costs thereof shall be paid for by the District. The Board of Commissioners further authorizes and directs the Fire Chief to provide such information to the County Elections department for inclusion and to take other actions as necessary to that end.

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 Fire Chief 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 2, 2022 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 8, 2022 election.

Section 11. The Board hereby assigns to the Fire 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 12. 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 13. Any act consistent with the authority and prior to the effective date of this resolution is hereby ratified and affirmed.

Section 14. This resolution shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage.

Adoption: ADOPTED by the Board of Commissioners of Lewis County Fire Protection District No. 10 at an open public meeting of such Board on the 13th day of July 2022, the following Board Members being present and voting:

Commissioner Jim Cude

Commissioner H. Blanton

Commissioner R. Coffey

Commissioner Rich Hensley

Commissioner Phil Lawrence

Secretary Barbara Wright

Election Date: November 8, 2022

Name of Jurisdiction Submitting Measure: Lewis County Fire Protection District No. 10

Contact Name: Lonnie Goble

Daytime Contact Phone Number: 360-494-4123

PROPOSITION NO. 1
(Emergency Medical Services Tax Levy)

BALLOT ISSUE EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

In 2016, Lewis County Fire Protection District No. 10 voters approved a six-year Emergency Medical Service (EMS) property tax levy at a rate not to exceed \$.25 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation. The collection of that levy will expire at the end of 2022. If approved by the voters this measure will renew the District's six-year emergency medical services (EMS) property tax levy at a rate not to exceed \$0.25 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation to be levied beginning in 2022 and collected beginning in 2023.

Approval of the levy will enable the District to maintain the level of emergency medical services currently provided on a continuing basis.

The revenue from this levy will be used by the District exclusively for emergency medical services.

If the levy is approved, the EMS levy on a \$300,000 assessed valuation residence would not exceed \$75.00 each year or approximately \$6.25 per month for emergency medical services.

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To: The Auditor's Office
From: Amber D. Smith, Civil Deputy Prosecuting Attorney
Subject: Approval of Ballot Language and Explanatory Statement
Date: July 19, 2022

Our office has reviewed the proposed levy for [Fire District No. 10](#). The ballot language and explanatory statement 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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