



Resolution Cover Sheet

This form is mandatory and must accompany each resolution.

Name of District: LEWIS CO. FIRE DISTRICT 9

District Address: 104 FRONT ST W. MINERAL WA 98355

Date of Election: NOVEMBER

Contact Person: KEVIN MOUNCE Title: CHIEF

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2nd Contact Person: KURT ROETHM Title: COMMISSIONER #2

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Attorney for District: ERIC QUINN

Attorney Phone: 253 590-6628 Attorney Email: ericquinn@firehouselawyer2-com

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

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: _____

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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 By Lewis Co. Elections

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-6-14

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS FOR LEWIS COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 9 (DISTRICT) PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE DISTRICT, AT AN ELECTION TO BE HELD WITHIN THE DISTRICT ON NOVEMBER 7, 2023, 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 DISTRICT, IN ADDITION TO ITS REGULAR FIRE PROPERTY TAX LEVY, AS AUTHORIZED IN RCW 84.52.069, EACH YEAR FOR SIX CONSECUTIVE YEARS, TO BE COLLECTED FIRST IN 2024, AND TO BE COLLECTED IN EACH YEAR SUCCEEDING THE YEAR OF THE LEVY. SAID LEVY SHALL PROVIDE FUNDS REQUIRED BY THE DISTRICT FOR THE CONTINUED PROVISION OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES, INCLUDING PERSONNEL COSTS, TRAINING FOR SUCH PERSONNEL, AND RELATED EQUIPMENT, SUPPLIES AND VEHICLES.

WHEREAS: the District 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 District (and advanced life support/paramedic services where applicable); and

WHEREAS: It is the judgment of the Board of Fire Commissioners for the District that it is essential and necessary for the protection of the health and life of the residents of the District to continue providing emergency medical services within the District. Such services necessitate the expenditure of revenues for maintenance, operations, equipment and personnel in excess of those moneys provided by the District's regular tax levy, for collection over the next six years beginning in 2024; and

WHEREAS: The Board of Fire Commissioners for the District desires to continue providing emergency medical services for the benefit of the citizens and residents of the District 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 LEWIS COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 9 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 District shall levy in 2023, for collection each year for six consecutive years beginning in 2024, a general tax on taxable property in the District 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 five years of the EMS levy.

Section 3. This six-year levy must be approved by a simple majority of the registered voters of the District 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 District for their ratification or rejection, at an election on November 7, 2023, the proposition hereinafter set forth. The Board of Fire Commissioners for the District 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:

Lewis County Fire Protection District No.9

PROPOSITION NO.1

RENEWAL OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES LEVY

Shall Lewis County Fire Protection District No. 9 be authorized to impose a regular property tax levy of up to \$.50 per \$1000 of assessed valuation for each of six consecutive years, beginning in 2023 to be collected in 2024 and each of the following years (2025-2029) for the provision of Emergency Medical Services, all as provided in Lewis County Fire Protection District No.9, Resolution 2023-6-14?

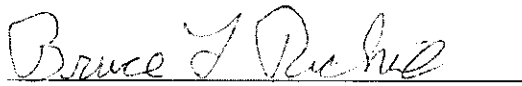
- YES
- NO

Section 5. The Fire Chief of the District is authorized to enact all administrative procedures to carry out the purposes of this resolution, including but not limited to the preparation of an explanatory statement and appointment of for/against committees. This resolution shall be delivered to the Auditor of Lewis County, as ex officio supervisor of Elections, by no later than the date of the 2023 Primary Election.

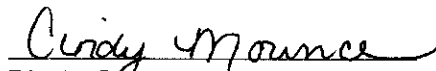
MOVED AND PASSED AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS FOR LEWIS COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 9 ON July 9th, 2023, OF WHICH ALL COMMISSIONERS WERE NOTIFIED AND THE FOLLOWING WERE PRESENT AND VOTING:


Michael Gordon, Commissioner



Kurt Roehm, Commissioner


Bruce Richie, Chairman of the Commissioners

Attest:


Cindy Mounce
District Secretary

Approved as to form:


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

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

Election Date: November 7, 2023

Name of Jurisdiction
Submitting Measure: Lewis County Fire Protection District No. 9

Contact Name: Kevin Mounce, Fire Chief of Lewis County Fire District 9, Mineral, WA

Daytime Contact Phone Number: (360)492-5942

Lewis County Fire Protection District No. 9 (the "District") is placing a measure on the November general election ballot for renewal of the District's emergency medical services levy ("EMS Levy"). EMS Levy funds are spent on emergency medical personnel, training, equipment, supplies, vehicles and facilities.

Approximately **90** % of the calls for service by the District are EMS calls. The regular fire property tax levy provides funds for fire prevention and suppression, but does not provide funds for an adequate level of EMS. Revenue raised by the EMS Levy provides sustainable funding for emergency medical purposes.

Passage of Proposition No. 1 will extend the current EMS Levy for an additional six years at the rate of up to 50 cents per \$1,000 of assessed valuation. At this rate, the owner of a home assessed at \$300,000 will pay \$150.00 per year in taxes to ensure timely emergency medical response and ambulance transportation to area hospitals, when necessary.



Chief Kevin Mounce

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



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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Auditor's Office
FROM: Robert W. Bradley, Civil Deputy Prosecuting Attorney
RE: Approval of Ballot Language and Explanatory Statement
DATE: July 28, 2023

Our office has reviewed the proposed levy for Lewis County Fire Protection District No. 9. 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,

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

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