

Resolution Cover Sheet

This form is mandatory and must accompany each resolution.

Name of District: LEWIS COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT #15

District Address: 609 NW KERRON ST

Date of Election: AUGUST 4, 2026

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Type of Election (levy, bond, lid lift, sales tax, etc.): 6 YEAR EMS CONTINUATION 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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LEWIS COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 15
RESOLUTION 2026-03-01
RESOLUTION TO SUBMIT AN EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES LEVY
FOR THE AUGUST 4, 2026 PRIMARY ELECTION

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS OF LEWIS COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 15 PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE DISTRICT AT THE SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD WITHIN THE DISTRICT ON AUGUST 4, 2026 IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE STATE PRIMARY ELECTION TO BE HELD ON THE SAME DATE, OF A PROPOSITION AUTHORIZING THE UNINTERRUPTED CONTINUATION OF AN EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES PROPERTY TAX LEVY NOT TO EXCEED \$.45 PER \$1,000.00 OF TRUE AND ASSESSED VALUATION, IN ADDITION TO ITS REGULAR PROPERTY TAX LEVY, FOR A PERIOD OF SIX CONSECUTIVE YEARS TO BE LEVIED BEGINNING IN 2026 AND ENDING IN 2031 AND TO BE COLLECTED IN EACH SUCCEEDING YEAR (2027-2032) TO PROVIDE FUNDS REQUIRED BY THE DISTRICT TO ENABLE THE DISTRICT TO PROVIDE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES.

Background: WHEREAS, the District voters approved a six-year \$.50 EMS levy in 2020 that will expire on December 31, 2026; and

WHEREAS, it is the judgement of the Board of Commissioners of the District that it is essential and necessary for the protection of health and life of the residents of the District that emergency medical services be provided by the District and that the EMS levy be continued for an additional six years.

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners have determined that 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 for collection over the next six years.

Resolution: NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Lewis County Fire Protection District No. 15, Lewis County, Washington 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, paramedics and/or other medically trained personnel.
- 1.2 Obtain consumable medical supplies and medical appliances to equip such emergency vehicles, personnel and facilities.
- 1.3 Maintain and/or improve existing response levels to EMS emergencies with qualified personnel when available.

Section 2. In order to provide the revenue adequate to pay the costs of providing emergency medical services and facilities as described in Section 1 and to maintain reserve funds sufficient to assure the continuation of such services, the District shall renew its expiring EMS levy and levy each year for a period of six consecutive years beginning in 2026 and collect each year for a period of six consecutive years, beginning in 2027, a general tax on taxable property within the District, in addition to the fire levy for maintenance and operation costs, in an amount not to exceed \$.45 per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation of such property.

Section 3. That proceeds of this levy will in part be used to provide payment of charges incurred by qualified residents of the District for fire department ambulance transports as to the portion of the charges which are not payable by third parties and insurers, and it is the intent that the proceeds of this levy will in part be used for payments of such charges to the extent allowed by law.

Section 4. In accordance with RCW 84.52.069 the funds raised by such levy shall be used only for the provisions 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 5. There shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the District for their ratification or rejection, at the special election on August 4, 2026 in conjunction with the state primary election to be held on the same date, the question of whether or not such levy for emergency medical services shall be made each year for a period of six consecutive years, the first levy to be made in 2026 and collected in 2027. The Board of Commissioners hereby request the Auditor of Lewis County, as ex-officio Supervisor 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:

EMERGENCY SERVICES LEVY

LEWIS COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 15

PROPOSITION NO. 1

Lewis County Fire Protection District No. 15 Board of Commissioners adopted Resolution 2026-03-01 concerning a proposition to continue its regular EMS property tax levy.

Will Lewis County Fire Protection District No. 15 be authorized to fund emergency medical services by continuing its regular property tax levy at a rate of \$.45 per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation for a period of six consecutive years to be collected beginning in 2027?

YES

NO

Section 6. In accordance with RCW 84.52.069 (2), the ballot measure shall require approval of a simple majority of the voters.

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 Lewis County Elections Department for inclusion and to take other actions as necessary to that end.

Section 8. 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 9. For purpose 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 individual to whom the County Auditor shall provide such notice.

Section 10. The Chief 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 11. The Chief, or designee, is hereby authorized and directed, no later than May 1, 2026 to provide to the Lewis 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 ballot before the voters on August 4, 2026 election.

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.

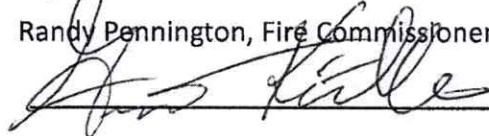
Adoption: ADOPTED by the Board of Commissioners of Lewis County Fire Protection District No. 15, Lewis County, Washington, at an open public meeting of such Board on the 14th Day of April, 2026 with the following commissioners being present and voting:



Ray Shipman, Commissioner Chair

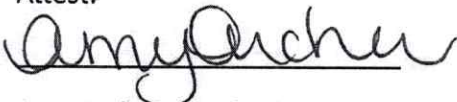


Randy Pennington, Fire Commissioner



Grant Kistler, Fire Commissioner

Attest:



Amy Archer, District Secretary

Explanatory Statement

Election Date:
August 4, 2026

Name of Jurisdiction Submitting Measure:
Lewis County Fire Protection District No. 15

Contact Name:
Richard Underdahl, Fire Chief

Daytime contact phone number:
360-785-4221

Proposition 1

Lewis County Fire District #15
Emergency Medical Services Levy

In 2020 Lewis County Fire District #15 voters approved a six-year \$0.50 Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Levy. The 2020 EMS levy will expire on December 31, 2026 unless the voters approve this measure. If approved by the voters, this measure will authorize your fire district to continue its EMS property tax levy at a rate not to exceed \$.0.45 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation for an additional six years.

Approval of this levy will allow the District to maintain the current level of emergency medical staffing and services provided to District residents

The EMS levy revenue will be used to fund emergency medical services, to replace life-saving cardiac equipment necessary to continue to provide advanced life support (ALS) transport care and to, the extent allowed by law, to fund the payment of uninsured ambulance transport costs for qualified District residents and taxpayers.

If voters approve this levy's renewal, the maximum tax per \$350,000 assessed valuation would not exceed \$157.50 per year or approximately \$13.12 per month for emergency medical services.

Explanatory Statement Prepared and Approved by:
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MEMORANDUM

TO: Auditor's Office

FROM: David E. Bailey, Chief Civil Deputy Prosecuting Attorney

RE: Approval of Ballot Language and Explanatory Statement / FPD 15
Resolution 2026-03-01

DATE: April 23, 2026

Our office has reviewed the proposal for FPD 15 voters to approve the multi year continuation levy. 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.

It is the Mission of the Lewis County Prosecutor's Office to zealously seek justice in all criminal matters, consistently promote public confidence in the legal system, and diligently represent county government while adhering to the highest ethical and moral standards.