

WHATCOM COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT #21

Resolution 2021-03

A **RESOLUTION** of the Board of Fire Commissioners of Whatcom County Fire Protection District No. 21 (the "District"), providing for the submission to the voters of the District at a special election to be held therein on August 3, 2021, a proposition authorizing a regular property tax levy of \$1.45 per \$1,000 for 2021. This proposition would authorize the District to impose a regular property tax levy of \$1.45 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation for 2021 pursuant to RCW 84.55.050 and would be subject to any otherwise applicable statutory dollar rate limitations, all as more particularly set forth herein.

WHEREAS, 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 the fire and emergency services enumerated in this resolution be provided by the District. Such services will necessitate the expenditure of revenues for maintenance, operations, and equipment;

WHEREAS, the District has determined it will not be able to maintain its present service levels to its citizens without the approval of a levy lid lift;

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners has determined that the accelerated demands for, and increasing costs of, providing services will necessitate the expenditure of revenues for improved capital facilities, additional staffing, apparatus maintenance and operations in excess of those which can be provided by the District's regular tax revenue levied at the current rate of approximately \$1.14671 per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation of taxable property within the District as limited by the 101% limitation; and

WHEREAS, the funds generated by this levy will not supplant existing funds used for the delivery of fire and emergency services in the Whatcom County Fire Protection District No. 21 community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, as follows:

SECTION 1. That the District shall provide fire and emergency services, including related personnel costs, training for such personnel, and related equipment, supplies, vehicles, and structures needed for the provision of fire and emergency services.

SECTION 2. In order to provide the revenue adequate to pay the costs of maintaining and providing the services described in Section 1 and to assure the continuation and improvement of such services, the District shall, in accordance with RCW 84.55.050, remove the limitation on regular property taxes imposed by RCW 84.55.010 and levy beginning in 2021 and collect beginning in 2022, pursuant to RCW 52.16.130 and RCW 52.16.140 general tax on taxable property within the District at a rate of \$1.45 per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation.

SECTION 3. There shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the District for their ratification or rejection at an election on August 3, 2021 the question of whether or not such levy for maintenance and operations shall be made.

SECTION 4. The District's attorney is authorized to make such minor adjustments to the wording of such proposition as deemed appropriate or as may be recommended by the Whatcom County

Prosecuting Attorney's Office or the Whatcom County Auditor and its Supervisor of Elections, as long as the intent of the proposition remains clear and as approved by the Board of Commissioners.

SECTION 5. Pursuant to RCW 84.55.050 and 84.52.069 and 29A.36.071, the Whatcom County Prosecuting Attorney is requested to prepare the concise description of the aforesaid proposition for the ballot title in substantially the following form:

**PROPOSITION NO. 1
WHATCOM COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 21
AUTHORIZING REGULAR PROPERTY TAX LEVY**

The Board of Fire Commissioners of Whatcom County Fire Protection District No. 21 (the "District"), adopted Resolution No. 2021-03 concerning a proposition to authorize the District's regular property tax levy. This measure would authorize a regular property tax levy of \$1.45 per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation in 2021 (for collection in 2022) and would thereafter be subject to any otherwise applicable statutory dollar rate limitations. The dollar amount of this levy would be used for the purpose of computing the limitations for subsequent levies under RCW 84.55.050. Should this proposal be approved?

YES.....
NO.....

SECTION 6. The Secretary of the District is directed to (a) certify to the Auditor a copy of this Resolution No. 2021-03 showing its adoption by the Board by May 14, 2021; and (b) perform such other duties as are necessary and required by law in submitting to the voters of the District at the aforesaid election the proposition of whether such tax levy shall be made.

SECTION 7. The Fire Chief of the District is authorized to implement such administrative procedures as may be necessary to carry out the directives of this legislation.

SECTION 8. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect upon passage and signatures hereon.

SECTION 10. If any provision of this resolution is declared by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, then such provision shall be null and void and shall be severable from the remaining provisions of this resolution, and shall in no way affect the validity of the other provisions of this resolution.

ADOPTED by the Governing Board of Whatcom County Fire Protection District No. 21, at a regularly scheduled open public meeting thereof this 27th day of April 2021, of which notice was given in the manner provided by law, the following Commissioners being present and voting.

ATTEST:

Bruce Ansell, Chairman

Rich Bosman, Vice-Chairman

John Crawford, Commissioner

Scott Fischer, Commissioner

Kimberly McMurray, Commissioner

Jason Van der Veen, Fire Chief

Jennie Sand, Board Secretary

CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned, Secretary of Whatcom County Fire Protection District No. 21 (the "District") hereby certify as follows:

1. The attached copy of Resolution No.2021-03 (the "Resolution") is a full, true, and correct copy of the Resolution duly adopted at a regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners of the District (the "Board") held on April 27, 2021, as the Resolution appears on the minute book of the District and the Resolution is now in full force and effect.
2. A quorum of the members of the Board was present throughout the meeting and a majority of those members present voted in the proper manner for the adoption of the Resolution.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 27th day of April 2021.

Jennie Sand, District Secretary