



Poulsbo Fire Department

*Kitsap County Fire District #18
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James S. Gillard, Fire Chief, 360-779-3997*

KITSAP COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 18

A resolution of the board of Commissioners of Kitsap County Fire District #18 (Poulsbo Fire Department) providing for the submission to the qualified electors of the district at the general election to be held within the district on November 8, 2022, in conjunction with the state election to be held on the same date, of a proposition authorizing renewal of a levy of a property tax not to exceed \$1.50 per \$1,000.00 of true and assessed valuation and establishing a six-year limit factor subject to otherwise applicable statutory limitations.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 22-05-AMMENDED

- WHEREAS:** The Board of Commissioners (the "Board") of Kitsap County Fire District #18/Poulsbo Fire Department (hereafter referred to as the "District") has established a long-range strategic plan to provide for fire protection, fire prevention, and emergency medical services; and
- WHEREAS:** It is essential and necessary for the protection of life and property that the District recruit and retain properly trained and equipped personnel provided with appropriate equipment, vehicles, facilities, and administrative services in order to provide fire protection, prevention, and emergency medical services to the community; and
- WHEREAS:** Increases in 911 emergency call responses and population occurred during the past several years, and are forecasted to continue into the future. In 2021 the District responded to 4,476 emergency calls for aid, and transported 1,800 patients from emergency medical incidents.
- WHEREAS:** All of the District's firefighters are cross-trained as emergency medical technicians (basic or paramedic); and
- WHEREAS:** The District has adopted a capital improvement plan to provide the facilities, apparatus, and equipment necessary to support emergency response service level goals; and
- WHEREAS:** The Board has determined planned community growth will require concurrent investment in emergency response and community risk reduction resources to maintain service levels; and
- WHEREAS:** The Board has determined that the restoration and maintenance of the fire levy rate of \$1.50 per \$1,000 of assessed value is necessary to provide the level of funding required to maintain the District's service level to the community; and
- WHEREAS:** The fire levy which was last renewed for \$1.50 per \$1,000 of assessed value in 2018, has fallen to \$1.28 per \$1,000 of assessed value.
- WHEREAS:** The Board has determined that the continued application of the one percent limit factor established by RCW 84.55.010 will not be sufficient to provide for the expected cost increases required to maintain minimum service levels; and



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WHEREAS: The Board has determined that it is in the best interest of the District that the maximum allowable levy in the sixth year of the levy authorized by the Resolution serve as the levy base for purposes of applying the limit factor established by RCW 84.55.010 in subsequent years.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

- Section 1.** In order to maintain and support the level of fire protection, prevention, emergency medical services and the protection of life and property in the District, it is necessary for the District to recruit and retain properly trained personnel provided with appropriate firefighting and emergency medical equipment, vehicles, facilities, and administrative support.
- 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 ensure 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 fire levy beginning in 2022 and collect beginning in 2023, pursuant to RCW 52.16.130 and RCW 52.16.140 general tax on taxable property within the District at a rate of \$1.50 per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation. The District has previously levied at the rate \$1.28 per \$1,000.00 rate.
- Section 3.** To limit potential tax increases on the community while providing sufficient revenue to maintain service levels, the annual increase in revenue from this fire levy shall be limited by the following: the District has determined that the limit factor for each of the following five years after 2023 shall be 100% plus the annual percentage change of the first-half to first-half Consumer Price Index for all Urban Consumers (CPI-U) for the Seattle-Tacoma-Bellevue metropolitan area, but shall not be greater than 6% or no lower than 1% percent which is the amount authorized under RCW 84.55.0101. Such percentage shall be used to determine the actual levy rate, subject to a limit of \$1.50 per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation, in 2023 – 2027.
- Section 4.** The dollar amount levied in 2027 for collection in 2028 shall serve as the District's tax levy base for purposes of applying the limit factor established by RCW 84.55.010 in subsequent years.
- Section 5.** 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 Kitsap County Prosecuting Attorney's Office of the Kitsap 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 6.** There shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the District for their ratification or rejection, as the general election on November 8, 2022, in conjunction with the state election to be held on the same date the question of whether or not the regular property tax levy of the District should be established at \$1.50 per \$1,000 of true and assessed valuation in 2022 and be adjusted by the amount authorized under RCW 84.55.0101 or 100% plus the annual percentage change of the first-half to first-half Consumer Price



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Index for all Urban Consumers (CPI-U) for the Seattle-Tacoma-Bellevue metropolitan area up to a maximum of 6%, or no lower than 1% percent, whichever is greater, for each of the following five years, subject to a limit of \$1.50 and otherwise applicable statutory limitations. The Board of Commissioners hereby requests the auditor of Kitsap 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:

Kitsap County Fire District #18/Poulsbo Fire Department
Proposition No. 1
Regular Property Tax Levy Lid Lift for Fire Protection
and Emergency Medical Services

The Board of Commissioners of Kitsap County Fire District #18/Poulsbo Fire Department adopted Resolution No. 22-05 proposing to restore the fire district's regular property tax levy to fund fire protection, fire prevention and emergency medical services.

This proposition authorizes the District to restore its regular property tax levy to a maximum levy rate of \$1.50 per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation for collection in 2023 and sets the limit factor for each subsequent year at 100% plus the annual percentage change in the Consumer Price Index (as described in the Resolution) to a maximum of 6%, or as low as 1%, whichever is greater through 2027. The final year's levy dollar amount would be used to compute limitations for subsequent levies as provided by Chapter 84.55 RCW.

Should this proposition be approved?
Yes No

Resolution 22-05 was originally adopted May 25, 2022 by the KCFD #18 Board of Commissioners. Resolution 22-05 has been amended Adopted this 22 day of July, 2022, at a regularly scheduled meeting of the KCFD #18 Board of Commissioners.

APPROVED:

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James Ingalls

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Commissioner James Ingalls

Commissioner Barry Milton

Commissioner David Ellingson

Commissioner Chris Quinn

Commissioner Jeff Uberuaga

ATTEST:

Nichole Sawyers, KCFD #18 Secretary to the Board