



# *Poulsbo Fire Department*

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**KITSAP COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 18  
DBA POULSBO FIRE DEPARTMENT  
RESOLUTION NO.24-05  
(GENERAL ELECTION)  
RESOLUTION TO SUBMIT AN EMS LEVY**

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF KITSAP COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 18 DBA POULSBO FIRE DEPARTMENT PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE DISTRICT AT THE PRIMARY ELECTION TO BE HELD WITHIN THE DISTRICT ON AUGUST 6, 2024 IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE STATE PRIMARY ELECTION TO BE HELD ON THE SAME DATE, OF A PROPOSITION AUTHORIZING THE CONTINUATION OF AN EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES PROPERTY TAX LEVY NOT TO EXCEED \$.50 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 2025 AND ENDING IN 2030 AND TO BE COLLECTED IN EACH SUCCEEDING YEAR (2025-2030) 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 2019 to be levied in 2020. The levy rate has fallen from \$0.50 per \$1,000 of assessed property value to \$0.37 per \$1,000 of assessed property value.

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 re-authorized back to \$0.50 per \$1,000 of assessed property value and that the first year of this levy replace the final year of the levy approved in 2019. 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 Kitsap County Fire Protection District No. 18 dba Poulsbo Fire Department, Kitsap 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 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 2025 and collect each year for a period of six consecutive years, ending in 2030, a general tax on taxable property within the District, in addition to the previously approved regular levy for maintenance and operation costs, in an amount not to exceed \$.50 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 \$.50 EMS Levy in 2019 with the levy beginning in 2020. This measure, if approved by the voters, would replace the final year of the 2019 levy and renew the levy for six years beginning in 2025.

**Section 5.** There shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the District for their ratification or rejection, at the primary election on August 6, 2024, 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 collected in 2025. 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:

PROPOSITION

The Board of Fire Commissioners of Kitsap County Fire Protection District No. 18 dba Poulsbo Fire Department adopted Resolution 24-05 authorizing a regular property tax levy for Emergency Medical Services for six consecutive years.

Will Kitsap County Fire Protection District No. 18 dba Poulsbo Fire Department be authorized to continue funding emergency medical services for its citizens by continuing a regular property tax levy of \$.50 or less per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation for a period of six consecutive years to be collected beginning in 2025?

Yes

No

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

**Section 7.** 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 and legal counsel as the individuals to whom the County Auditor shall provide such notice.

**Section 8.** 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 9.** The Chief, or designee, is hereby authorized and directed, no later than May 3, 2024 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 August 6, 2024 election.

**Section 10.** 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 11.** 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 12.** Any act consistent with the authority and prior to the effective date of this resolution is hereby ratified and affirmed.

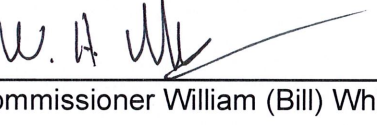
**Section 13.** This resolution shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage.

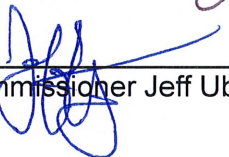
**Adoption:** ADOPTED by the Board of Commissioners of Kitsap County Fire Protection District No. 18 dba Poulsbo Fire Department, Kitsap County, Washington, at a regular open public meeting of such Board on the 24th day of April 2024, the following commissioners being present and voting:

  
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Commissioner James Ingalls

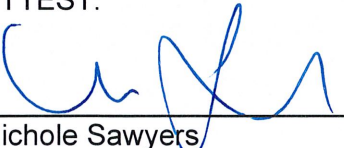
  
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Commissioner Darryl Milton

  
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Commissioner David Ellingson

  
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Commissioner William (Bill) Whiteley

  
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Commissioner Jeff Uberuaga

ATTEST:

  
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Nichole Sawyers  
KCFD #18 Secretary to the Board