

NORTH COUNTY REGIONAL FIRE AUTHORITY

(North County Fire/EMS)

RESOLUTION NO. 07082015-01

RESOLUTION TO IMPOSE EMS LEVY

A RESOLUTION of the Board of Fire Commissioners (the "Board") of North County Regional Fire Authority ("North County Fire/EMS") providing for the submission to the voters of the fire authority at an election to be held therein on November 3, 2015, in conjunction with the State general election to be held on the same day, a proposition to impose a PERMANENT Emergency Medical Services Levy ("EMS Levy") at a levy rate of fifty cents (\$.50) or less per thousand dollars of assessed valuation in addition to its regular fire levy, to be levied each year beginning in 2015 and to be collected in each year succeeding the year of the levy to provide funds required to enable North County Fire/EMS to continue to provide emergency medical services; and

WHEREAS, it is the judgment of the Board of Fire Commissioners of North County Fire/EMS that it is essential and necessary for the protection of the health and life of the residents of the fire authority that emergency medical services continue to be provided by North County Fire/EMS. Such services will necessitate the expenditure of revenues for maintenance, operations, equipment, and personnel in excess of those which can be provided by the regular fire levy; and

WHEREAS, North County Fire/EMS desires to impose a PERMANENT EMS Levy in order to continue providing emergency medical services.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Board of Commissioners of North County Fire/EMS as follows:

Section 1. In order to provide the revenue adequate to pay the costs of providing adequate life protection services and facilities, North County Fire/EMS shall levy an emergency medical services levy beginning in 2015 and collect each year a general tax on taxable property within the fire authority, in addition to the regular levy for maintenance and operation costs, in an amount not to exceed fifty cents (\$.50) per thousand dollars of assessed valuation of such property.

Section 2. 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, training for such personnel and related equipment, supplies, ambulances or medic units, and structures needed for the provision of emergency medical services.

Section 3. BALLOT TITLE AND PROPOSITION. Pursuant to RCW 84.52.069 and 29A.36.210, the Snohomish 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

**NORTH COUNTY REGIONAL FIRE AUTHORITY
(NORTH COUNTY FIRE/EMS)**

PROPOSITION 1

**EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES
PROPERTY TAX LEVY**

Will North County Fire/EMS be authorized to impose a PERMANENT regular property levy of fifty cents (\$.50) or less per thousand dollars of assessed valuation?

YES..... []
NO..... []

Section 4. REFERENDUM. A referendum petition may be filed at any time with the Fire Chief, who is currently John C. Cermak. Within ten (10) days, the Fire Chief must confer with the petitioner concerning form and style of the petition, issue the petition an identification number, and secure an accurate, concise, and positive ballot title from the Snohomish County Auditor. The petitioner has thirty (30) days in which to secure the signatures of not less than fifteen percent (15%) of the registered voters of the taxing district, as of the last general election, upon petition forms which contain the ballot title and the full text of the measure to be referred. The Fire Chief and/or his designees must verify the sufficiency of the signatures on the petition and, if sufficient valid signatures are properly submitted, must certify the referendum measure to the next election within the taxing district if one is to be held within one hundred eighty (180) days from the date of filing of the referendum petition, or at a special election to be called for that purpose in accordance with RCW 29A.04.330. Pursuant to RCW 84.52.069(4)(b), the referendum procedure provided herein is exclusive in all instances and supersedes the procedures provided under all other statutory or charter provisions for initiative or referendum which might otherwise apply.

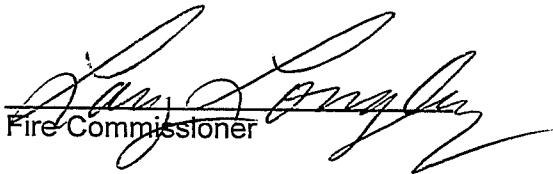
Section 5. CERTIFICATION. The Secretary of North County Fire/EMS is directed (a) to certify to the Auditor a copy of this Resolution No. 07082015-01 showing its adoption by the Board at least fifty-two (52) days prior to the date of such general election; and (b) to perform such other duties as are necessary and required by law in submitting to the voters of the fire authority at the aforesaid election the foregoing proposition.


Section 6. IMPLEMENTATION. The Fire Chief of North County Fire/EMS is authorized to implement such administrative procedures as may be necessary to carry out the directives of this legislation.

Section 7. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect upon passage and signatures hereon.

ADOPTED by the Board of Fire Commissioners of North County Fire/EMS, at an open public meeting thereof this 8th day of July, 2015, of which notice was given in the manner provided by law, and the following Commissioners being present and voting.

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Fire Commissioner


Fire Commissioner

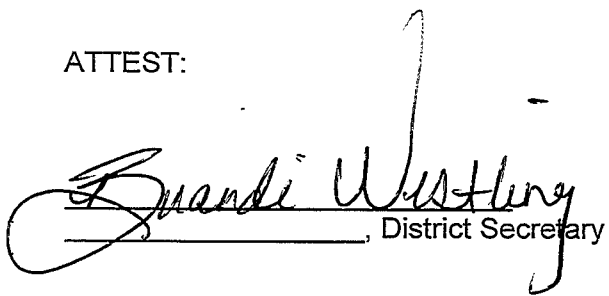

Fire Commissioner


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ATTEST:


_____, District Secretary

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

Proposition No. 1 is a resolution to establish a PERMANENT EMS levy. Almost 81 percent (__81__%) of the emergency responses of North County Fire/EMS are for emergency medical service. Funds raised by this EMS levy will only be used to provide emergency medical services, including training for EMS personnel, EMS-related equipment, supplies, and vehicles needed to provide emergency medical services. The levy amount will continue at the rate of fifty cents (\$.50) or less per thousand dollars of assessed valuation. Voter approval of Proposition No. 1 will provide funding for North County Fire/EMS to continue providing emergency medical services at current levels of service.

CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned, Secretary of North County Fire/EMS, hereby certify as follows:

1. The attached copy of Resolution No. 07082015-01 (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 North County Fire/EMS (the "Board") held on July 8, 2015, as the Resolution appears on the minute books of the Fire Authority 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 on the Board present voted in the proper manner for the adoption of the Resolution.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 8th day of July, 2015.


District Secretary
North County Regional Fire Authority