

**FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES REGULAR LEVY  
(Six Year Levy Lid Lift)  
North County Regional Fire Authority**

**RESOLUTION NO. 04092025-01**

**A RESOLUTION** of the Board of Commissioners of North County Regional Fire Authority, providing for the submission to the qualified electors of the Authority at the general election to be held within the Authority on August 5, 2025, in conjunction with the state primary election to be held on the same date, of a proposition authorizing the levy of a regular property tax in the sum of \$1.50 (maximum) per \$1,000 assessed valuation each year for six consecutive years beginning in 2025 to be collected in 2026 for the provision of fire and emergency services all as provided in North County Regional Fire Authority Resolution No. 04092025-01 and the laws of the State of Washington RCW 84.52.069.

**WHEREAS**, the Governing Board (the "Board") of North County Regional Fire Authority ("Authority" or "NCRFA") has adopted a strategic plan to provide timely and professional fire and emergency services to the community it serves; and,

**WHEREAS**, it is the judgment of the Board of Commissioners of the Authority that it is essential and necessary for the protection of the health and life of the residents of the Authority that the fire and emergency services enumerated in this resolution be provided by the Authority. Such services will necessitate the expenditure of revenues for maintenance, operations and equipment; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Authority has determined it will not be able to maintain its present service levels to its citizens without the approval of a six-year levy lid lift; and,

**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 Authority's regular tax revenue levied at the 2024 rate of approximately \$1.32 per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation of taxable property within the Authority as limited by the one hundred one percent (101%) limitation; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Governing Board has determined that the continued application of the one hundred one percent (101%) limit factor established by RCW 84.55.010 will not be sufficient to provide for the expected cost increases required to maintain and increase the level of services currently provided by the Authority; and,

**WHEREAS**, the funds generated by this levy will not supplant existing funds used for the delivery of fire and emergency services in the North Snohomish County community; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Governing Board has determined that it is in the best interest of the Authority that the maximum allowable levy in the sixth year of the levy authorized by this 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** by the Governing Board of North County Regional Fire Authority as follows:

**SECTION 1.** That the Authority 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 Authority 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 2025 and collect beginning in 2026, pursuant to RCW 52.26. 140 a general tax on taxable property within the Authority at a rate of \$1.50 per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation.

**SECTION 3.** The Authority has determined that a limit factor of one hundred six percent (106%) shall be used to determine the actual levy rate, subject to the maximum statutory rate of \$1.50 per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation in 2020-2025. The funds raised under this levy shall not supplant existing funds used for the purposes described in Section 1.

**SECTION 4.** There shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the Authority for their ratification or rejection at an election on August 5, 2025, the question of whether or not such levy shall be made.

**SECTION 5.** The dollar amount levied in 2030 for collection in 2031 shall serve as the Authority's tax levy base for purposes of applying the limit factor established by RCW 84.55.010 in subsequent years.

**SECTION 6.** The Authority'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 Snohomish County Prosecuting Attorney's Office or the Snohomish 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 7. 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

RESTORING REGULAR  
PROPERTY TAX LEVY

The Governing Board of North County Regional Fire Authority, Snohomish County, Washington, adopted Resolution No. 04092025-01 concerning a proposition to restore the Authority's regular property tax levy. This measure would restore the Authority's regular property tax levy to \$1.50 per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation in 2025 (for collection in 2026) and would authorize an annual limit factor of 106% (but not to exceed the \$1.50 rate) for each of the five succeeding years. The maximum allowable levy in 2030, collected in 2031, shall serve as the base for subsequent levy limitations as provided by Chapter 84.55 RCW.

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**SECTION 8. Certification.** The Secretary of NCRFA is directed (a) to certify to the Auditor a copy of this Resolution No. 04092025-01 showing its adoption by the Board not later than April 25, 2025; and (b) to perform such other duties as are necessary and required by law in submitting to the voters of NCRFA at the aforesaid election the foregoing proposition.

**SECTION 9. Implementation.** The Fire Chief of NCRFA is authorized to implement such administrative procedures as may be necessary to carry out the directives of this legislation.

**SECTION 10. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall be in full force and effect upon passage and signatures hereon.

**SECTION 11. Severability.** 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 Board of Commissioners of the North County Regional Fire Authority at a regularly scheduled meeting held on April 23, 2025.

Signed by:

*Rob Johnson*

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Rob Johnson, Board Chair

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*Greg Oakes*

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Greg Oakes, Commissioner

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Al Schreiber, Vice Chair

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Ric Cade, Commissioner

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Leonard Kelley, Commissioner

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Holly Sloan-Buchanan, Commissioner

Attest:

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*Kari Wheeler*

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Kari Wheeler, Board Secretary

**CERTIFICATION**

I, the undersigned, Board Secretary of North County Regional Fire Authority, hereby certify as follows:

1. The attached copy of Resolution No. 04092025-01 (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 held on April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2025, as for the Resolution appears in the minute books of North County Regional Fire Authority and the Resolution is now in full force and effect.
2. A quorum of the members of the Governing 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 on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of April, 2025.

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Kari Wheeler, Board Secretary