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Commissioner District Boundary Changes Proposed

Stanwood, Wash. – Every ten years, after each U.S. Census is completed, special districts must review the boundaries of their board of director/commissioner districts to ensure equitable geographic representation. North County Regional Fire Authority is divided into five geographic regions or districts. Candidates for fire commissioner must run for the seat of the district they live in. By creating five equal commissioner districts, geographic diversity is ensured on the Board of Commissioners. Each position is elected by all district voters, so each of the five commissioners represents the entire district in their board actions.

In April 2022, the district contracted with Sammamish Data Systems to develop a proposal for new commission district boundaries based on the latest census data. Since the last realignment of commission districts, there has been a shift in population growth. Currently, our commission districts vary in population from a low of 7,725 in District 2 to a high of 7,881 in District 5.

The proposed new commission district boundaries would balance these populations so that all five districts would have approximately 8,800 residents.

District	Current Population	Population under the proposal
1 st	7,829	8,835
2 nd	7,725	8,882
3 rd	7,821	8,807
4 th	7,762	8,835
5 th	7,881	8,915

A presentation and public hearing on this proposal will be held at the November 9, 2022 Board of Commissioners meeting, which begins at 4 p.m. Current and proposed maps are also available on the district website, www.northcountyfireems.com. The first reading of the proposal is scheduled for the December 14, board meeting. The second reading of the proposal and potential adoption of the proposal are scheduled for the January 11, 2023 board meeting. The board must adopt new director districts by March 16, 2023.

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