

**NORTH COUNTY REGIONAL FIRE AUTHORITY
RESOLUTION NO. 07262023-01
RESOLUTION TO RESTORE LEVY RATE FOR EMS LEVY**

A RESOLUTION of the Governing Board of North County Regional Fire Authority (“North County Fire/EMS”) providing for the submission to the voters of North County Fire/EMS at an election to be held therein on November 7, 2023, in conjunction with the State general election to be held on the same day, a proposition authorizing a regular property tax levy of Fifty Cents (\$0.50) per One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) for Emergency Medical Care and Services. This proposition would authorize North County Fire/EMS to set and maintain a regular property tax levy of Fifty Cents (\$0.50) per One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) of assessed valuation for 2023, and thereafter pursuant to RCW 84.55.050 and subject to any otherwise applicable statutory dollar rate limitations, all as more particularly set forth herein;

WHEREAS, the Governing Board (the “Board”) of North County Fire/EMS has determined that due to the limitations contained in RCW 84.55.005, it appears certain money available for Emergency Medical Care and Services (“EMS”) for the calendar year 2023 would be insufficient to permit North County Fire/EMS to meet the expenses associated with providing EMS essential and necessary for the protection of the public health, life, and property of its residents during such calendar year, given the current levy rate of Twenty-Eight Cents (\$0.28) per One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) of assessed value; and that it is necessary for the EMS regular property tax levy of North County Fire/EMS be set at Fifty Cents (\$0.50) per (\$1,000.00), such levy to be made in 2023 for collection in 2024; and in succeeding years, on all taxable property within North County Fire/EMS (such assessed value representing one hundred percent (100%) of true and fair value unless specifically provided otherwise by law), in order for North County Fire/EMS to be able to provide EMS; and

WHEREAS, the Constitution and the laws of the State of Washington require that the question of whether such taxes may be levied must be submitted to the qualified electors of North County Fire/EMS for their ratification or rejection.

NOW, THEREFORE,

Section 1. The Auditor is requested to call and conduct an election in North County Fire/EMS, in the manner provided by law, to be held herein on November 7, 2023, in conjunction with the State general election to be held on the same date for the purpose of submitting to the voters of North County Fire/EMS, for their approval or rejection, a proposition of whether the regular EMS property tax levy of North County Fire/EMS shall be set at and maintained at Fifty Cents (\$0.50) per One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) of assessed value; such levy to be made in 2023 for collection in 2024, and in succeeding years, on all the taxable property within North County Fire/EMS (such assessed value representing one hundred percent (100%) of true and fair value unless specifically provided otherwise by law), subject to otherwise applicable statutory limitations.

Section 2. Pursuant to RCW 29A.36.071 as amended, 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:

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

PROPOSITION NO. 1

**RESTORING PROPERTY TAX LEVY
FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES**

The Governing Board of North County Fire/EMS adopted Resolution No. 07262023-01 authorizing a regular property tax levy for Emergency Medical Services of Fifty Cents (\$0.50) per One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00). This proposition would authorize North County Fire/EMS to restore its regular property tax levy of Fifty Cents (\$0.50) per One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) of assessed valuation for 2023 (the same level as existed in 2015) and thereafter pursuant to RCW 84.55.050. The dollar amount of this levy would be used for the purpose of computing the limitations for subsequent levies under RCW 84.55.050. Should this proposal be:

Approved ____

Rejected ____

Section 3. The Secretary of North County Fire/EMS is directed (a) to certify to the Auditor a copy of this Resolution No. 07262023-01 showing its adoption by the Board at least eighty-four (84) 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 North County Fire/EMS at the aforesaid election the proposition of whether such tax levy shall be made.

Section 4. 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 5. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect upon passage and signatures hereon.

Section 6. If Proposition No. 1 passes by a vote of the people on August 1, 2023 this Resolution 07262023-01 will be automatically withdrawn, and the Auditor is directed not to include the foregoing Proposition on the ballot for the November 7, 2023 general election.


Section 7. The Fire Chief is directed to submit the Explanatory Statement below to the Auditor in conjunction with this resolution.

ADOPTED by the Governing Board of North County Fire/EMS, at a regularly scheduled open public meeting thereof this 26th day of August 2023, of which notice was given in the manner provided by law, the following Commissioners being present and voting.

NORTH COUNTY REGIONAL FIRE AUTHORITY

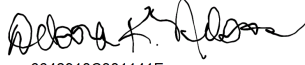
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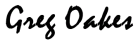
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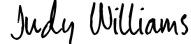
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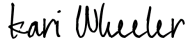
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Kari Wheeler, District Secretary

CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned, Secretary of North County Regional Fire Authority (the "North County Fire/EMS"), hereby certify as follows:

1. The attached copy of Resolution No. 07262023-01 (the "Resolution") is a full, true, and correct copy of the Resolution duly adopted at a regularly scheduled meeting of the Governing Board of North County Fire/EMS (the "Board") held on July 26, 2023, as the Resolution appears on the minute book of North County Fire/EMS 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 present voted in the proper manner for the adoption of the Resolution.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 26th day of July 2023.

DocuSigned by:

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Kari Wheeler, District Secretary
Governing Board

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

Proposition 1 would restore the emergency medical services levy rate for North County Regional Fire Authority (North County Fire/EMS) at the level previously approved by the voters in 2015. This levy is the primary source of funding for paramedic and emergency medical services provided by North County Fire/EMS. Nationally recognized fire department response standards, and an increased demand for service are challenging North County Fire/EMS's budget. Initiative 747 limits funding increases to one percent (1%) and does not allow North County Fire/EMS to keep up with the increasing costs of service. Passage of Proposition 1 will allow North County Fire/EMS to exceed the one percent (1%) limit and to restore the levy rate at the rate of Fifty Cents (\$0.50) per One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) previously approved by the voters.