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*Snohomish County*
*Fire District #4*

**SNOHOMISH COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 4**
**RESOLUTION TO SUBMIT A SIX YEAR EMS LEVY**

**RESOLUTION NO. 518**
**(GENERAL ELECTION – PROVISIONAL)**

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF SNOHOMISH COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 4 PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE DISTRICT AT THE GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD WITHIN THE DISTRICT ON NOVEMBER 5, 2019, OF A PROPOSITION AUTHORIZING 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 2019 AND ENDING IN 2024AND TO BE COLLECTED IN EACH SUCCEEDING YEAR (2020-2025) TO PROVIDE FUNDS REQUIRED BY THE DISTRICT TO ENABLE THE DISTRICT TO PROVIDE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES. PROVIDED, **THIS PROPOSITION SHALL NOT BE SUBMITTED TO THE VOTERS IF THE LEVY AUTHORIZED BY RESOLUTION NO. 517 IS APPROVED BY THE VOTERS AT THE PRIMARY ELECTION HELD ON AUGUST 6, 2019.**

**Background:** WHEREAS, because the deadline for filing a ballot measure for the general election is August 6, 2019, which is the same date as the primary election, the Board of Commissioners believes it is appropriate to also approve a provisional ballot proposition for the general election in the event the proposition fails at the primary election.

This measure, if approved by the voters, would establish an EMS levy for six years beginning with a tax levy rate not to exceed $.50 per $1,000.00 of true and assessed valuation.

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. 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 for collection over the next six years.

**Resolution:** NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Snohomish County Fire Protection District No. 4, Snohomish 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, paramedics and/or other medically trained personnel.

1.2. Obtain consumable medical supplies and medical appliances to equip such emergency vehicles, personnel, and facilities.

1.3. Establish a level of service as deemed necessary by the Board of Commissioners of the Fire District based on available revenues.

**Section 2.** In order to provide the revenue adequate to pay the costs of providing emergency medical services and facilities as described in Section 1 and to maintain reserve funds sufficient to assure the continuation of such services, the District shall levy each year for a period of six consecutive years beginning in 2019 and collect each year for a period of six consecutive years, beginning in 2020, a general tax on taxable property within the District, in addition to the 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.** There shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the District for their ratification or rejection, at the general election on November 5, 2019, 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 made in 2019 and to be collected in 2020. The Board of Commissioners hereby requests the auditor of Snohomish 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 NO. 1**

Snohomish County Fire Protection District No. 4
Emergency Medical Services Property Tax Levy

Will Snohomish County Fire Protection District No. 4 be authorized to fund emergency medical services for its citizens by imposing 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 2020?

Yes
No

**Section 5.** In accordance with RCW 84.52.069(2), the ballot measure is for a renewal of an expiring EMS Levy and shall require a simple majority vote.

**Section 6.** 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 7.** 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 8.** The Chief, or designee, is hereby authorized and directed, no later than August 6, 2019 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 November 5, 2019 election. In the event the District's EMS Levy ballot measure is approved at the August 6, 2019 Primary Election, the Fire Chief is authorized to pull this measure from the ballot without further action of the Board of Commissioners.

**Section 9.** 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 10.** 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 11.** Any act consistent with the authority and prior to the effective date of this resolution is hereby ratified and affirmed.

**Section 12.** This resolution shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage.

**Adoption:** ADOPTED by the Board of Commissioners of Snohomish County Fire Protection District No. 4, Snohomish County, Washington, at an open public meeting of such Board on the 22nd day of July, 2019, the following commissioners being present and voting:

Mark Hintz, Commissioner

James H. Schmoker, Jr., Commissioner

Richard E. Flath, Commissioner

Ron W. Simmons, District Secretary