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Special Meeting Announcement

There will be a special meeting of the Board of Commissioners
Tuesday, March 5, 2024 at 10 AM
1212 E First Street, Port Angeles, WA 98362

For Remote Attendance via Zoom:

Phone Number: (253) 215-8782

Meeting ID: 432 908 1371

Password: 502502

Call to Order of Work Session

Pledge of Allegiance

New Business

1. Levy strategies: Discussion
2. Resolution 2024-03 Fire Levy Lid Lift: Discuss and take action
3. Resolution 2024-04 Fire Levy Lid Lift--Provisional: Discuss and take action
4. Resolution 2024-05 EMS Levy: Discuss and take action
5. Resolution 2024-06 EMS Levy—Provisional: Discuss and take action

Public Comments (Limit 3 minutes per speaker)

Adjournment



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CLALLAM COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 2 RESOLUTION NO. 2024-03 RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION OF LEVY PRIMARY ELECTION

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CLALLAM COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 2 PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE DISTRICT AT AN ELECTION TO BE HELD WITHIN THE DISTRICT ON AUGUST 6, 2024, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE STATE PRIMARY ELECTION TO BE HELD ON THE SAME DATE, OF A PROPOSITION AUTHORIZING A LEVY OF A PROPERTY TAX NOT TO EXCEED \$1.50 PER \$1,000.00 OF TRUE AND ASSESSED VALUATION AND ESTABLISHING A LIMIT FACTOR FOR THE FOLLOWING FIVE YEARS BASED ON THE GREATER OF THE STATUTORY 1% LIMIT OR THE SEATTLE-TACOMA-BELLEVUE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR ALL URBAN CONSUMERS (CPI-U) AS REPORTED IN JUNE OF EACH YEAR.

Background: WHEREAS, 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 the fire and emergency medical services be provided by the District.

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 fire protection operations, replacing apparatus and equipment, firefighter recruitment and training and maintaining emergency medical service levels in excess of those which can be provided by the District's regular tax revenue levied at the current rate of approximately \$.96 per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation of taxable property within the District as limited by the 101% limitation, not to exceed 1% maximum increase per year.

WHEREAS, The District experiences annual cost increases affecting its operations that reflect standard inflationary indices and that consistently exceed the statutory 101% limitation on tax levy increases.

WHEREAS, The District believes that it is reasonable to adopt a growth factor for years 2-6 of the levy lid lift period designed to allow the District to keep pace with inflation and has identified the Seattle-Tacoma-Bellevue Consumer Price Index for all Urban Consumers (CPI-U) as reported in June of each year an appropriate measure of inflation in Clallam County.

WHEREAS, The Board of Commissioners has determined that it is in the best interest of the District that the maximum allowable 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.

Resolution: NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Clallam County Fire Protection District No. 2, Clallam County, Washington as follows:

Section 1. In order to meet increased call volumes, maintain the level of fire protection, prevention, emergency medical services and the protection of life and property in the District, it is necessary for the District to operate and maintain emergency fire and medical service vehicles and improve station and other capital facilities and to retain properly trained firefighters equipped with proper firefighting and emergency medical equipment.

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 District 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 2024 and collect beginning in 2025, pursuant to RCW 52.16.130, RCW 52.16.140 and RCW 52.16.160, a general tax on taxable property within the District at a rate of \$1.50 per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation subject to otherwise applicable statutory limits.

Section 3. In order to provide the revenue adequate to pay the costs of providing adequate life protection services and facilities as described in Section 1 and to maintain reserve funds sufficient to assure the continuation of such services beyond 2025, the District has determined that the limit factor for the five succeeding years shall be the greater of the statutory 1% limit or the Seattle-Tacoma-Bellevue Consumer Price Index for all Urban Consumers (CPI-U) as reported in June of each year. Such percentage 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 2025-2029 to be collected in each following year. The funds raised under this levy shall not supplant existing funds used for the purposes described in Section 1.

Section 4. The amount levied in 2029 and collected in 2030 shall serve as the District's tax levy base for purposes of applying the limit factor established by RCW 84.55.010 in subsequent years.

Section 5. There shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the District for their ratification or rejection, at an election on August 6, 2024, in conjunction with the state Primary election to be held on the same date, the question of whether or not the regular property tax levy of the District should be established at \$1.50 per \$1,000.00 of true and assessed valuation in 2024 for collection in 2025, and be adjusted by the greater of the statutory 1% limit or the Seattle-Tacoma-Bellevue Consumer Price Index for all Urban Consumers (CPI-U) as reported in June of each year for the following five years subject to otherwise applicable statutory limitations. The Board of Commissioners hereby requests the auditor of Clallam 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:

Name of Jurisdiction: Clallam County Fire Protection District No. 2
Proposition #: Proposition No. 1
Short Title: Property Tax Levy for Fire Protection and Emergency Medical Services.

Ballot Title: The Board of Clallam County Fire Protection District No. 2 adopted Resolution No. 2024-03 concerning a proposition to maintain and adequately fund District operations.

This proposition would finance fire protection and emergency medical services by establishing the District's regular property tax levy in 2024 at \$1.50 per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation and authorize setting the limit factor at the greater of the statutory 1% limit or the June Seattle-Tacoma-Bellevue CPI-U for the following five years. The maximum allowable levy in the final year shall serve as the base for subsequent levy limitations as provided by Chapter 84.55 RCW.

Should this proposition be:

Approved

Rejected

Section 6. Pursuant to RCW 84.55.050(1), the measure requires a simple majority vote to be approved.

Section 7. The Board of Commissioners finds and declares that it is in the best interest of the District to have information regarding the ballot measure included in the local voters' pamphlet. Furthermore, that the appropriate costs thereof shall be paid for by the District. The Board of Commissioners further authorizes and directs the Fire Chief to provide such information to the County Elections department for inclusion and to take other actions as necessary to that end.

Section 8. The Board 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 9. 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 as the individual to whom the County Auditor shall provide such notice.

Section 10. The Chief 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 11. The Chief, or designee, is hereby authorized and directed, no later than May 3, 2024, 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 August 6, 2024 election.

Section 12. 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 13. Any act consistent with the authority and prior to the effective date of this resolution is hereby ratified and affirmed.

Section 14. This resolution shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage.

Adoption: ADOPTED by the Board of Commissioners of Clallam County Fire Protection District No. 2 at an open public meeting of such Board on the ____ day of _____ 2024, the following Commissioners being present and voting:

Commissioner

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Commissioner

Secretary



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CLALLAM COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 2 RESOLUTION NO. 2024-04 RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION OF LEVY GENERAL ELECTION - PROVISIONAL

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CLALLAM COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 22 PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE DISTRICT AT THE GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD WITHIN THE DISTRICT ON NOVEMBER 5, 2024, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE STATE PRIMARY ELECTION TO BE HELD ON THE SAME DATE, OF A PROPOSITION AUTHORIZING A LEVY OF A PROPERTY TAX NOT TO EXCEED \$1.50 PER \$1,000.00 OF TRUE AND ASSESSED VALUATION AND ESTABLISHING A LIMIT FACTOR FOR THE FOLLOWING FIVE YEARS BASED ON THE GREATER OF THE STATUTORY 1% LIMIT OR THE SEATTLE-TACOMA-BELLEVUE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR ALL URBAN CONSUMERS (CPI-U) AS REPORTED IN JUNE OF EACH YEAR. **PROVIDED, THIS PROPOSITION SHALL NOT BE SUBMITTED TO THE VOTERS IF THE LEVY AUTHORIZED BY RESOLUTION NO. 2024-03 IS APPROVED BY THE VOTERS AT THE PRIMARY ELECTION HELD ON AUGUST 6, 2024.**

Background: WHEREAS, 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 the fire and emergency medical services be provided by the District.

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 fire protection operations, replacing apparatus and equipment, firefighter recruitment and training and maintaining emergency medical service levels in excess of those which can be provided by the District's regular tax revenue levied at the current rate of approximately \$.96 per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation of taxable property within the District as limited by the 101% limitation, not to exceed 1% maximum increase per year.

WHEREAS, The District experiences annual cost increases affecting its operations that reflect standard inflationary indices and that consistently exceed the statutory 101% limitation on tax levy increases.

WHEREAS, The District believes that it is reasonable to adopt a growth factor for years 2-6 of the levy lid lift period designed to allow the District to keep pace with inflation and has identified the Seattle-Tacoma-Bellevue Consumer Price Index for all Urban Consumers (CPI-U) as reported in June of each year an appropriate measure of inflation in Clallam County.

WHEREAS, The Board of Commissioners has determined that it is in the best interest of the District that the maximum allowable 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.

Resolution: NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Clallam County Fire Protection District No. 2, Clallam County, Washington as follows:

Section 1. In order to meet increased call volumes, maintain the level of fire protection, prevention, emergency medical services and the protection of life and property in the District, it is necessary for the District to operate and maintain emergency fire and medical service vehicles and improve station and other capital facilities and to retain properly trained firefighters equipped with proper firefighting and emergency medical equipment.

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 District 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 2024 and collect beginning in 2025, pursuant to RCW 52.16.130, RCW 52.16.140 and RCW 52.16.160, a general tax on taxable property within the District at a rate of \$1.50 per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation subject to otherwise applicable statutory limits.

Section 3. In order to provide the revenue adequate to pay the costs of providing adequate life protection services and facilities as described in Section 1 and to maintain reserve funds sufficient to assure the continuation of such services beyond 2025, the District has determined that the limit factor for the five succeeding years shall be the greater of the statutory 1% limit or the Seattle-Tacoma-Bellevue Consumer Price Index for all Urban Consumers (CPI-U) as reported in June of each year. Such percentage 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 2025-2029 to be collected in each following year. The funds raised under this levy shall not supplant existing funds used for the purposes described in Section 1.

Section 4. The amount levied in 2029 and collected in 2030 shall serve as the District's tax levy base for purposes of applying the limit factor established by RCW 84.55.010 in subsequent years.

Section 5. There shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the District for their ratification or rejection, at an election on November 5, 2024, in conjunction with the state Primary election to be held on the same date, the question of whether or not the regular property tax levy of the District should be established at \$1.50 per \$1,000.00 of true and assessed valuation in 2024 for collection in 2025, and be adjusted by the greater of the statutory 1% limit or the Seattle-Tacoma-Bellevue Consumer Price Index for all Urban Consumers (CPI-U) as reported in June of each year for the following five years subject to otherwise applicable statutory limitations. The Board of Commissioners hereby requests the auditor of Clallam 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:

Name of Jurisdiction: Clallam County Fire Protection District No. 2

Proposition #: Proposition No. 1

Short Title: Property Tax Levy for Fire Protection and Emergency Medical Services.

Ballot Title: The Board of Clallam County Fire Protection District No. 2 adopted Resolution No. 2024-04 concerning a proposition to maintain and adequately fund District operations.

This proposition would finance fire protection and emergency medical services by establishing the District's regular property tax levy in 2024 at \$1.50 per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation and authorize setting the limit factor at the greater of the statutory 1% limit or the June Seattle-Tacoma-Bellevue CPI-U for the following five years. The maximum allowable levy in the final year shall serve as the base for subsequent levy limitations as provided by Chapter 84.55 RCW.

Should this proposition be:

Approved

Rejected

Section 6. Pursuant to RCW 84.55.050(1), the measure requires a simple majority vote to be approved.

Section 7. The Board of Commissioners finds and declares that it is in the best interest of the District to have information regarding the ballot measure included in the local voters' pamphlet. Furthermore, that the appropriate costs thereof shall be paid for by the District. The Board of Commissioners further authorizes and directs the Fire Chief to provide such information to the County Elections department for inclusion and to take other actions as necessary to that end.

Section 8. The Board 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 9. 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 as the individual to whom the County Auditor shall provide such notice.

Section 10. The Chief 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 11. The Chief, or designee, is hereby authorized and directed, no later than August 6, 2024, 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, 2024 election. **The Chief, or designee, is further authorized to withdraw this Resolution without further action by the Board in the event the District voters approve the Levy Lid Lift at the August 6, 2024 primary election.**

Section 12. 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 13. Any act consistent with the authority and prior to the effective date of this resolution is hereby ratified and affirmed.

Section 14. This resolution shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage.

Adoption: ADOPTED by the Board of Commissioners of Clallam County Fire Protection District No. 2 at an open public meeting of such Board on the ____ day of _____ 2024, the following Commissioners being present and voting:

Commissioner

Commissioner

Commissioner

Secretary



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CLALLAM COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 2 RESOLUTION NO. 2024-05 RESOLUTION TO SUBMIT A TEN YEAR EMS LEVY (PRIMARY ELECTION)

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CLALLAM COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 2 PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE DISTRICT AT THE PRIMARY ELECTION TO BE HELD WITHIN THE DISTRICT ON AUGUST 6, 2024, OF A PROPOSITION AUTHORIZING AN EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES PROPERTY TAX LEVY NOT TO EXCEED \$.50 PER \$1,000.00 OF ASSESSED VALUATION, IN ADDITION TO ITS REGULAR PROPERTY TAX LEVY, FOR A PERIOD OF TEN CONSECUTIVE YEARS TO BEGINNING IN 2024 AND TO BE COLLECTED IN EACH SUCCEEDING YEAR (2025-2034) TO PROVIDE FUNDS REQUIRED BY THE DISTRICT TO ENABLE THE DISTRICT TO PROVIDE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES.

Background: This measure, if approved by the voters, would establish an EMS levy for ten 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 ten years.

Resolution: NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Clallam County Fire Protection District No. 2, Clallam 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 ten consecutive years beginning in 2024 and collect each year for a period of ten consecutive years,

beginning in 2025, 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 special election on August 6, 2024, the question of whether or not such levy for emergency medical services shall be made each year for a period of ten consecutive years, the first levy to be made in 2024 and to be collected in 2025. The Board of Commissioners hereby requests the auditor of Clallam 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

Clallam County Fire Protection District No. 2

Emergency Medical Services Property Tax Levy.

The Board of Fire Commissioners of Clallam County Fire Protection District No. 2 adopted Resolution 2024-05 concerning a proposition to fund emergency medical services.

Will Clallam County Fire Protection District No. 2 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 ten consecutive years to be collected beginning in 2025?

Yes

No

Section 5. In accordance with RCW 84.52.069(2), the ballot measure shall require approval of 60% percent of the voters if total number of voters voting exceeds 40% of the voters voting at the preceding general election. If the total number of voters voting do not exceed 40% of the total number of voters voting at the preceding general election, then the number of voters voting "yes" on the proposition must also constitute 60% of a number equal to 40% of the total number of voters voting in the district at the last preceding general election.

Section 6. The Board of Commissioners finds and declares that it is in the best interest of the District to have information regarding the ballot measure included in the local voters' pamphlet. Furthermore, that the appropriate costs thereof shall be paid for by the District. The Board of Commissioners further authorizes and directs the Fire Chief to provide such information to the Clallam County Election Departments for inclusion and to take other actions as necessary to that end.

Section 7. 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 8. 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 as the individual to whom the County Auditor shall provide such notice.

Section 9. The Chief 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 10. The Chief, or designee, is hereby authorized and directed, no later than May 3, 2024, 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 August 6, 2024 election.

Section 11. 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 12. Any act consistent with the authority and prior to the effective date of this resolution is hereby ratified and affirmed.

Section 13. This resolution shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage.

Adoption: ADOPTED by the Board of Commissioners of Clallam County Fire Protection District No. 2 at an open public meeting of such Board on the _____ day of _____ 2024, the following commissioners being present and voting:

Commissioner

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CLALLAM COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 2 RESOLUTION NO. 2024-06 RESOLUTION TO SUBMIT A TEN YEAR EMS LEVY (GENERAL ELECTION - PROVISIONAL)

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CLALLAM COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 22 PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE DISTRICT AT THE GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD WITHIN THE DISTRICT ON NOVEMBER 5, 2024, OF A PROPOSITION AUTHORIZING AN EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES PROPERTY TAX LEVY NOT TO EXCEED \$.50 PER \$1,000.00 OF ASSESSED VALUATION, IN ADDITION TO ITS REGULAR PROPERTY TAX LEVY, FOR A PERIOD OF TEN CONSECUTIVE YEARS TO BEGINNING IN 2024 AND TO BE COLLECTED IN EACH SUCCEEDING YEAR (2025-2034) 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. 2024-05 IS APPROVED BY THE VOTERS AT THE PRIMARY ELECTION HELD ON AUGUST 6, 2024.**

Background: This measure, if approved by the voters, would establish an EMS levy for ten 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 ten years.

Resolution: NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Clallam County Fire Protection District No. 2, Clallam 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 ten consecutive years beginning in 2024 and collect each year for a period of ten consecutive years, beginning in 2025, 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, 2024, the question of whether or not such levy for emergency medical services shall be made each year for a period of ten consecutive years, the first levy to be made in 2024 and to be collected in 2025. The Board of Commissioners hereby requests the auditor of Clallam 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

Clallam County Fire Protection District No. 2

Emergency Medical Services Property Tax Levy.

The Board of Fire Commissioners of Clallam County Fire Protection District No. 2 adopted Resolution 2024-06 concerning a proposition to fund emergency medical services.

Will Clallam County Fire Protection District No. 2 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 ten consecutive years to be collected beginning in 2025?

Yes

No

Section 5. In accordance with RCW 84.52.069(2), the ballot measure shall require approval of 60% percent of the voters if total number of voters voting exceeds 40% of the voters voting at the preceding general election. If the total number of voters voting do not exceed 40% of the total number of voters voting at the preceding general election, then the number of voters voting "yes" on the proposition must also constitute 60% of a number equal to 40% of the total number of voters voting in the district at the last preceding general election.

Section 6. The Board of Commissioners finds and declares that it is in the best interest of the District to have information regarding the ballot measure included in the local voters' pamphlet. Furthermore, that the appropriate costs thereof shall be paid for by the District. The Board of Commissioners further authorizes and directs the Fire Chief to provide such information to the

Clallam County Election Departments for inclusion and to take other actions as necessary to that end.

Section 7. 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 8. 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 as the individual to whom the County Auditor shall provide such notice.

Section 9. The Chief 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 10. The Chief, or designee, is hereby authorized and directed, no later than August 6, 2024, 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, 2024 election. **The Chief, or designee, is further authorized to withdraw this Resolution without further action by the Board in the event the District voters approve the EMS Levy at the August 6, 2024 primary election.**

Section 11. 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 12. Any act consistent with the authority and prior to the effective date of this resolution is hereby ratified and affirmed.

Section 13. This resolution shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage.

Adoption: ADOPTED by the Board of Commissioners of Clallam County Fire Protection District No. 2 at an open public meeting of such Board on the _____ day of _____ 2024, the following commissioners being present and voting:

Commissioner

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Commissioner

Secretary