

# Spokane County Resolution Cover Sheet

This form must accompany each resolution filed with Spokane County Elections. The contact person or persons should have the authority to do so and be available to answer questions.

Name of District: Spokane County Fire Protection District No. 13  
District Address: PO BOX 70, Newman Lake, WA 99025  
Date of Election: November 7, 2023  
Contact Person: Robin Harbin Title: Admin. Assistant  
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Contact Email: finance@newmanlakefire.net  
2<sup>nd</sup> Contact Person: Daron Bement Title: Fire Chief  
2<sup>nd</sup> Contact Phone: (509) 214-5121  
2<sup>nd</sup> Contact Email: daron@newmanlakefire.net

Attorney for District: Brian Snure  
Attorney Phone: (206) 824-5630 Attorney Fax: \_\_\_\_\_  
Attorney Email Address: Brian@snurelaw.com

Type of Election (levy, bond, lid lift, etc.): Levy Lid Lift

Please state the pass/fail requirement for this measure (i.e. simple majority, 60%, etc.) as determined by your legal counsel, together with applicable statutory references: Simple Majority RCW 84.55.050(1)

Signature: *Robin Harbin* Date: 7-25-2023  
of person filing this form

This form may be filled out and printed.

**This mandatory resolution cover sheet must accompany any resolution.**

**SPOKANE COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 13  
RESOLUTION NO. 2023-7  
RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION OF LEVY  
GENERAL ELECTION – PROVISIONAL**

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF SPOKANE COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 13 PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE DISTRICT AT AN ELECTION TO BE HELD WITHIN THE DISTRICT ON NOVEMBER 7, 2023, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE STATE GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON THE SAME DATE, OF A PROPOSITION RESTORING THE DISTRICT'S PROPERTY TAX LEVY RATE TO \$1.30 PER \$1,000.00 OF TRUE AND ASSESSED VALUATION AND ESTABLISHING A LIMIT FACTOR OF SIX PERCENT OR LESS SUBJECT TO OTHERWISE APPLICABLE STATUTORY LIMITATIONS FOR THE FOLLOWING FIVE YEARS. **PROVIDED, THIS PROPOSITION SHALL NOT BE SUBMITTED TO THE VOTERS IF THE LEVY AUTHORIZED BY RESOLUTION NO. 2023-5 IS APPROVED BY THE VOTERS AT THE PRIMARY ELECTION HELD ON AUGUST 1, 2023.**

**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 the maintenance of 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 \$0.79 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 has previously levied at a \$1.34 rate in 2012.

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 determined that a maximum limit of six (6) percent will allow the District to keep pace with inflation.

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

**Resolution:** NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Spokane County Fire Protection District No. 13, Spokane 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

maintain 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 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 2023 and collect beginning in 2024, 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 \$1.30 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 2023, the District has determined that the limit factor for the five (5) succeeding years shall be six (6) percent or less. 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 2024-2028 for collection in 2025-2029.

**Section 4.** The maximum allowable levy in 2028, for collection in 2029, 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 7, 2023, in conjunction with the state general election to be held on the same date, the question of whether or not the regular property tax levy of the District should be restored to \$1.30 per \$1,000.00 of true and assessed valuation and be adjusted by six (6) percent or less for the following five (5) years, subject to otherwise applicable statutory limitations. The Board of Commissioners hereby requests the auditor of Spokane 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: Spokane County Fire Protection District No. 13  
Proposition #: Proposition No. 1  
Short Title: Property Tax Levy for Fire Protection and Emergency Medical Services.

Ballot Title: The Board of Spokane County Fire Protection District No. 13 adopted Resolution No. 2023-7 concerning a proposition to maintain and adequately fund District operations.

This proposition authorizes the District to maintain service levels by restoring its regular property tax levy to \$1.30 per \$1,000 of assessed value to be collected in 2024 and by authorizing adjustments of six percent or less, subject to otherwise applicable statutory limits, for each of the five (5) succeeding 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 of Commissioners 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 Fire 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. **The Fire 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 1, 2023 primary election.**

**Section 11.** The Fire Chief, or designee, is hereby authorized and directed, no later than August 1, 2023, 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 7, 2023 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.

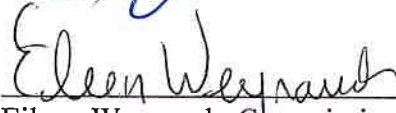
**Section 13.** Any act consistent with the authority and prior to the effective date of this resolution is hereby ratified and affirmed.

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

**Adoption:** ADOPTED by the Board of Commissioners of Spokane County Fire Protection District No. 13 at an open public meeting of such Board on the 20th day of July 2023, the following Commissioners being present and voting:




Ben Kaiser, Chairperson



Eileen Weyrauch, Commissioner



Teresa Phelps, Commissioner



Robin Harbin, District Secretary

Election Date: November 7, 2023

Name of Jurisdiction Submitting Measure: Spokane County Fire Protection District No. 13

Contact Name: Robin Harbin, Administrative Assistant

Daytime Contact Phone Number: (509) 226-1482

PROPOSITION NO. 1  
(Multiple Year Levy Lid Lift)

SPOKANE COUNTY BALLOT ISSUE EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

(175 Word Limit)

Your elected Board of Commissioners of Spokane County Fire Protection District No. 13 have determined that the funding of fire protection and emergency medical services to our citizens require more stable and consistent funding.

If approved by the voters, this proposition will authorize the District to restore its regular real property tax levy rate to \$1.30 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation in 2023 for collection in 2024 and will establish an annual growth rate of up to six percent for the following five years in order to keep up with inflation. The District's current tax levy rate is approximately \$0.79 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation.

The District Board has determined that the tax levy and the revenue it will produce is necessary to maintain the current level of services, fire fighter staffing, equipment and facilities and to purchase additional equipment and apparatus to continue to improve services for the protection of life and property in the District and to enhance public safety.

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## For/Against Committee Member Appointment Form

Name of District: Spokane County Fire Protection District No. 13  
District Contact Name: Robin Harbin  
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### Jurisdiction's responsibility:

1. Email completed form to [pamphlet@spokanecounty.org](mailto:pamphlet@spokanecounty.org) by the resolution submittal deadline.
2. Provide committee members with statement submission requirements and deadlines. Committees are solely responsible for submitting voters' pamphlet statements to the Elections Division.

Deadlines are on page 13 of these administrative rules. Questions? Contact the Elections Office at [pamphlet@spokanecounty.org](mailto:pamphlet@spokanecounty.org) or call 509.477.2320.

### Information for inclusion in voters' pamphlet:

#### "For" Committee (1-3 members):

Committee Name: NLFR For Levy Committee  
Phone: 509-263-9511 Email: orthrachel524@gmail.com Web: \_\_\_\_\_  
Committee Member #1: Rachel Orth Email: orthrachel524@gmail.com  
Committee Member #2: Toni Halloran Email: toni.halloran@gmail.com  
Committee Member #3: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

#### "Against" Committee (1-3 members):

Committee Name: Community Action Committee  
Phone: 509-342-4253 Email: AnnieLeGrand2022@gmail.com Web: \_\_\_\_\_  
Committee Member #1: Jerry Le Grand Email: JerryBLeGrand@gmail.com  
Committee Member #2: John Black Email: j2black@juno.com  
Committee Member #3: Bill Ettinger Email: ettingerwc@aol.com