

Spokane County Resolution Cover Sheet

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Name of District: Spokane Co Fire District 10

District Address: 929 S GARFIELD ROAD, AIRWAY HEIGHTS WA 99001

Date of Election: August 1, 2023

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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: *Pegy Callahan* Date: 03/15/2023
of person filing this form

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**SPOKANE COUNTY
FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 10**

**RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION OF LEVY
PRIMARY ELECTION**

RESOLUTION NUMBER 23-01

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF SPOKANE COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 10 PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE DISTRICT AT AN ELECTION TO BE HELD WITHIN THE DISTRICT ON AUGUST 1, 2023, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE STATE PRIMARY ELECTION TO BE HELD ON THE SAME DATE, OF A PROPOSITION RESTORING THE DISTRICT'S REGULAR PROPERTY TAX TO AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1.50 PER \$1,000.00 OF TRUE AND ASSESSED VALUATION IN 2023 AND ESTABLISHING A LIMIT FACTOR BASED ON THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX SUBJECT TO OTHERWISE APPLICABLE STATUTORY LIMITATIONS FOR THE FOLLOWING FIVE YEARS.

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 capital facilities and firefighter safety, additional apparatus, maintenance and operations in excess of those which can be provided by the District's regular tax revenue levied at the current rate of approximately \$0.8104 per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation of taxable property within the District as limited by the 101% limitation.

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 annual U.S. City average unadjusted, all items index, west city class B/C, for the CPI-W reported each April, which is the inflationary index used in the District's labor contracts, as an appropriate measure of inflation in Spokane County.

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. 10 Spokane County, Washington as follows:

Section 1. It is necessary for the District to operate and maintain emergency fire and medical service vehicles, to acquire and improve station and other capital facilities and to retain properly trained personnel equipped with proper firefighting and emergency medical equipment. The revenues generated by this lid lift will allow the District to cover the gap between inflation and the statutory one percent limit on increases to the District's budget to fund apparatus replacement and

facility upgrades and to provide for investments in firefighter safety all of which are necessary to maintain and improve the level of fire protection, prevention, emergency medical services and the protection of life and property in the District.

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 one percent 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 \$1.50 per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation subject to otherwise applicable statutory limits. The District previously levied at the rate at \$1.50 per thousand of assessed valuation in 2012.

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 succeeding years shall be the greater of the statutorily authorized one percent or the U.S. City average unadjusted, all items index, west city class B/C, for the CPI-W for the period of April to April as reported in the levy 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 2024-2028. 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 2028 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 1, 2023, 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 restored to \$1.50 per \$1,000.00 of true and assessed valuation and be adjusted by the greater of the statutorily authorized one percent or the annual U.S. City average unadjusted, all items index, west city class B/C, for the CPI-W reported each April for the following five 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:

**Spokane County Fire Protection District No. 10
Proposition Restoring Property Tax Levy For Fire Protection
and Emergency Medical Services.**

The Board of Spokane County Fire Protection District No. 10 adopted Resolution No. 23-01 concerning a proposition to maintain and adequately fund District operations.

This proposition authorizes the District to restore its regular property tax levy to \$1.50 per \$1,000 of assessed value in 2023 and authorizes adjustments by the greater of 1% or the annual U.S. City average unadjusted, all items index, west city class B/C, for the CPI-

W reported each April for the five succeeding years. The maximum allowable levy in 2028 shall serve as the base for subsequent levy limitations consistent with 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. The Board hereby assigns to the 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 Chief or designee as the individual to whom the County Auditor shall provide such notice.

Section 9. 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.

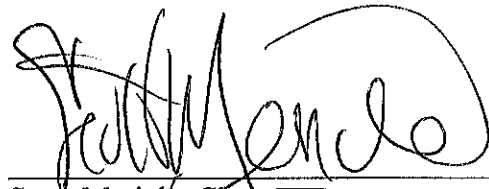
Section 10. The Chief, or designee, is hereby authorized and directed, no later than May 12, 2023, to provide to the County Auditor a certified copy of this resolution and the proper District officials are authorized to perform such other duties or take such other actions as are necessary or required by law to the end that the proposition described in this resolution appear on the ballot before the voters at the August 1, 2023 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.

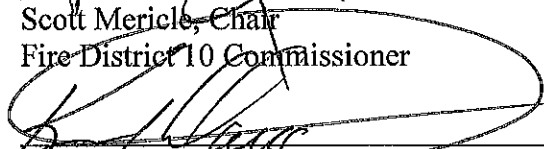
Section 12. Any act consistent with the authority and prior to the effective date of this resolution is hereby ratified and affirmed.

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

Adoption: **ADOPTED** by the Board of Commissioners of Spokane County Fire Protection District No. 10 at an open public meeting of such Board on the 15th of March, 2023, the following Commissioners being present and voting:



Scott Mericle, Chair
Fire District 10 Commissioner



Kevin Haughton
Fire District 10 Commissioner



Gordon Hester
Fire District 10 Commissioner

P Callahan

ATTEST: Peggy Callahan
District Secretary

Election Date: August 1, 2023

Name of Jurisdiction Submitting Measure: Spokane County Fire Protection District No. 10

Contact Name: Ken Johnson, Fire Chief

Daytime Contact Phone Number: 509-244-2425

PROPOSITION NO. 1
(Multiple Year Levy Lid Lift)

SPOKANE COUNTY BALLOT ISSUE EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

Spokane County Fire Protection District No. 10 provides emergency fire protection and medical services to its citizens. Your elected Board of Commissioners have determined that the fire department 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 \$1.50 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation in 2023 for collection in 2024. The proposition will also allow the District to keep pace with inflation by establishing an annual growth factor based on the greater of 1% or the annual consumer price index identified in the Board's Resolution. The District's current tax levy rate is approximately \$0.81 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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