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: _Town of Rockford_

District Address: _20 W. Emma Street_

Date of Election: _November 7, 2023_

Contact Person: _Heidi Johnson_   Title: _Clerk/Treasurer_

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Contact Email: _townclerk@rockfordwa.com_

2nd Contact Person: _Jennie Hagen_   Title: _Deputy Clerk_

2nd Contact Phone: _509 291 4716 x 1_

2nd Contact Email: _depclerk@rockfordwa.com_

Attorney for District: _Eric Hanson, Bishop Law Office_

Attorney Phone: _509 635 1551_   Attorney Fax: _____

Attorney Email Address: _ehanson@palouse.net_

Type of Election (levy, bond, lid lift, etc.): _Excess Levy_

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: _60% majority_

Signature: _Heidi Johnson_   Date: _7/25/23_
of person filing this form

This form may be filled out and printed.

This mandatory resolution cover sheet must accompany any resolution.

TOWN OF ROCKFORD
RESOLUTION 23-05

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF ROCKFORD, SPOKANE COUNTY, WASHINGTON, PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION OF VOTERS OF THE TOWN, A PROPOSITION AUTHORIZING THE PLACEMENT OF AN EXCESS LEVY ON THE NOVEMBER 7, 2023,BALLOT, THE PROCEEDS OF WHICH SHALL BE USED TO PROVIDE PART OF THE TOWN'S FIRE DEPARTMENT MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION SUPPORT, ALL AS MORE PARTICULARLY SET FORTH HEREIN.

WHEREAS, it is the judgment of the Town Council of the Town of Rockford that it is essential and necessary for the protection of the health and life of the residents of the Town that the fire and emergency medical services be provided by the Town, and

WHEREAS, The Town Council has determined that the accelerated demands for, and increasing costs of, providing services will necessitate the expenditure of revenues for improved capital facilities, firefighter safety, maintenance and operations that can be funded through the Town's available tax resources, and

WHEREAS, The Town is authorized by RCW 84.52.052 to submit a ballot proposal to the Town's voters regarding the question of whether the Town should levy such taxes.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Council of the Town of Rockford, Spokane County, Washington as follows:

Section 1. It is necessary for the Town to operate and maintain emergency fire service vehicles, to acquire or improve a station and other capital facilities and to retain properly trained personnel equipped with proper firefighting equipment.

Section 2. In order to provide the revenue adequate to pay the costs of maintaining and providing the funds raised under this levy shall not supplant existing funds used for the purposes described in Section 1.

Section 3. As the Town of Rockford held a public hearing to notify residents of the proposed fire levy, the Town Council does hereby approve placing, on the November 2023 ballot, an excess levy to contribute to funding General Fire Department Expenses. The ballot title shall read as follows:

Name of Jurisdiction:	Town of Rockford
Proposition #:	Proposition No. 1
Short Title:	Property Tax Levy for Fire Protection
Ballot Title:	The Rockford Town Council accepted Resolution 23-05 concerning a proposition to finance 2024 fire protection services. This proposition would authorize the Town to levy an excess property tax in 2024 on all taxable property within the Town of Rockford at an approximate rate of $.51 per $1,000 of assessed value to raise $32,891.76 to be used to provide adequate services in 2024. This levy replaces an expiring levy, which the Town has collected in past years. Should this proposition be:

Approved _____

Rejected _____

Section 4. Pursuant to RCW 84.55.050(1), the measure requires a simple majority vote to be approved.

Section 5. Town Council hereby assigns to the Clerk/Treasurer, 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 6. The Clerk/Treasurer, 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 5. 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.
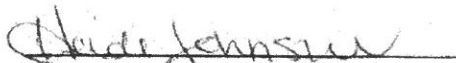
Section 6. Any act consistent with the authority and prior to the effective date of this resolution is hereby ratified and affirmed.

Section 7. This resolution shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage.
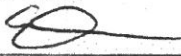
APPROVED by the Town Council of the Town of Rockford, Washington during regular session on July 19, 2023.

Carrie Roecks
Carrie Roecks, Mayor

Attest:

Heidi Johnson
Heidi Johnson, Clerk/Treasurer

Approved as to form:

_____
Eric Hanson, Town Attorney

Election Date: November 7, 2023
Name of Jurisdiction Submitting Measure: Town of Rockford
Contact Name: Heidi Johnson, Clerk/Treasurer
Contact Phone Number: (509) 291-4716

Explanatory Statement:

The Town of Rockford's fire department provides emergency fire protection and medical services to its residents. If approved by the voters, this proposition will authorize the Town to retain its existing regular real property tax levy rate of $.51 per $1,000 assess valuation in 2024.

The Town Council has determined that this proposition is necessary to maintain an effective level of services, fire fighter staffing, equipment and facilities considering rising costs. Approval of this measure will allow the Town to maintain the level of fire protection provided to its residents.