

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 Valley Fire Department

District Address: 2120 N Wilbur Rd., Spokane Valley, WA 99206

Date of Election: February 14, 2023

Contact Person: Frank Soto Jr Title: Fire Chief

Contact Phone: 509-892-4101 Fax: _____

Contact Email: sotof@spokanevalleyfire.com

2nd Contact Person: Angela Golden Title: Finance Director

2nd Contact Phone: 509-892-4174

2nd Contact Email: goldena@spokanevalleyfire.com

Attorney for District: Brian Snure

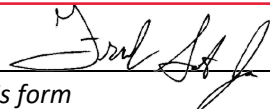
Attorney Phone: 206-824-5630 Attorney Fax: n/a

Attorney Email Address: brian@snurelaw.com

Type of Election (levy, bond, lid lift, etc.): Four Year Maintenance and Operations 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: _____

Pursuant to Article VII, Section 2(a) of the Washington State Constitution, 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.

Signature:  Date: _____
of person filing this form

This form may be filled out and printed.

This mandatory resolution cover sheet must accompany any resolution.

Election Date: February 14, 2023
Name of Jurisdiction Submitting Measure: Spokane Valley Fire Department
Contact Name: Chief Frank Soto, Jr.
Daytime Contact Phone Number: (509) 928-1700

PROPOSITION NO. 1

BALLOT ISSUE EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

If approved by the voters, Spokane Valley Fire Department will be authorized to levy a maintenance and operations (M&O) excess levy in the sum of \$25,000,000.00 per year for four consecutive years beginning in 2023 which is approximately \$1.08 per \$1,000.00 of true and assessed valuation, to be collected in each succeeding year (2024 – 2027). The levy will replace the current excess levy which expires in 2023 and is in addition to the District's regular tax levy.

The District continues to experience increases in the cost of specialized equipment, personnel, training, and supplies required by various laws, codes, and standards. The levy will enable the District to maintain current staffing and service levels.

If the levy is approved, the maximum tax per \$100,000.00 assessed valuation is estimated not to exceed \$108.00 each year or approximately an additional \$9.00 per month for fire protection and emergency medical services (EMS).

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SPOKANE VALLEY FIRE DEPARTMENT
2120 N WILBUR RD
SPOKANE VALLEY, WA 99206

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-526) IN THE MATTER OF MAINTENANCE AND
) **OPERATIONS LEVY RCW 84.52.130**
) **FEBRUARY 14, 2023 SPECIAL ELECTION**

A resolution of the Board of Commissioners of Spokane Valley Fire Department, providing for the submission to the qualified electors of the department at a special election to be held within the department on February 14, 2023, of a proposition authorizing the levy of a general tax on the taxable property within the department in excess of constitutional and statutory limitations in the sum of \$25,000,000 per year for four consecutive years beginning in 2023 which is approximately \$1.08 per \$1,000.00 of true and assessed valuation, to be collected in each succeeding year to provide funds required by the department to maintain and improve the level of service in the department.

WHEREAS, it is the judgment of the Board of Commissioners of Spokane Valley Fire Department that it is essential and necessary for the protection of the health and life of the residents of the Department that the fire and emergency medical services enumerated in this resolution be provided by the Department. Such services will necessitate the expenditure of revenues for maintenance and operations in excess of those that can be provided by the Department's regular tax levy. The excess levy shall replace the previous voter approved \$30,000,000 excess levy which expires in 2023 and shall be in the following amounts.

\$25,000,000.00 in 2023 for collection in 2024 (estimated levy rate of \$1.08 per \$1,000).
\$25,000,000.00 in 2024 for collection in 2025 (estimated levy rate of \$1.08 per \$1,000).
\$25,000,000.00 in 2025 for collection in 2026 (estimated levy rate of \$1.08 per \$1,000).
\$25,000,000.00 in 2026 for collection in 2027 (estimated levy rate of \$1.08 per \$1,000).

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Spokane Valley Fire Department, Spokane County, Washington as follows:

Section 1. The cost of operating a fire department that provides fire prevention, fire protection and emergency medical services has increased because of the specialized equipment, personnel training and supplies now required by state and federal regulations. The Department voters previously approved a four-year maintenance and operations levy that expires in 2023. The Department is not able to sustain service levels provided within the limitations of the Department's regular tax levy. The Department cannot maintain or improve its existing level of services without additional revenue. The excess levy will permit the Department to maintain current levels of service by having firefighter/emergency medical technicians (EMT) at each station with at least one firefighter/paramedic. The excess levy will also provide the funding necessary to ensure that a sufficient number of firefighters/EMT arrive on scene within the initial minutes of an emergency to allow more immediate action without having to wait for additional firefighter/EMT to arrive.

Section 2. In order to provide revenue adequate to pay the costs of salaries, equipment and facilities necessary to maintain and improve the Department's level of service as described in Section 1 of this Resolution and to maintain reserve funds sufficient to assure the continuation of such services, the Department shall levy in 2023, and each succeeding year, for a period of four years, and collect in the year following the levy, a general tax on taxable property within the Department, in excess of the regular levy for maintenance and operation costs, in the following amounts:

\$25,000,000.00 in 2023 for collection in 2024 (estimated levy rate of \$1.08 per \$1,000).
\$25,000,000.00 in 2024 for collection in 2025 (estimated levy rate of \$1.08 per \$1,000).
\$25,000,000.00 in 2025 for collection in 2026 (estimated levy rate of \$1.08 per \$1,000).
\$25,000,000.00 in 2026 for collection in 2027 (estimated levy rate of \$1.08 per \$1,000).

Section 3. There shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the Department for their approval or rejection, at a special election on February 14, 2023, the question of whether or not such levy for maintenance and operations, in excess of the constitutional and statutory limits, shall be made. The Board of Commissioners hereby requests the Auditor of Spokane County, as ex-officio Supervisor of Elections, 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
Spokane Valley Fire Department

The Board of Spokane Valley Fire Department adopted Resolution No. 2022-526, concerning a proposition to finance maintenance and operation costs.

This proposition would authorize, pursuant to RCW 84.52.130, the levy of excess taxes in replacement of an expiring levy in the amount of \$25,000,000.00 per year for four consecutive years beginning in 2023 to be collected in each year following at an approximate levy rate of \$1.08 per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation. The levy will provide funding necessary to maintain the level of fire protection and emergency medical services within the Department.

Should this proposition be approved?

YES . . .

NO . . .

Section 4. Pursuant to Article VII, Section 2(a) of the Washington State Constitution, 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 Department at the last preceding general election.

Section 5. 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 6. 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 7. The Chief, or designee, is hereby authorized and directed, no later than December 16, 2022, to provide to the County Auditor a certified copy of this resolution and the proper Department 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 February 14, 2023 election.

Section 8. The Department hereby requests that Spokane County Elections prepare and distribute a Local Voters Pamphlet.

Section 9. The Board of Commissioners hereby assign 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.

ADOPTED by the Board of Commissioners of Spokane Valley Fire Department, Spokane County, Washington, at a regular open public meeting of such Board on the 14th day of November 2022 the following commissioners being present and voting:

Patrick W Burch
[Patrick W Burch \(Nov 15, 2022 10:37 PST\)](#)
Patrick Burch, Commissioner

John N Guarisco
[John N Guarisco \(Nov 15, 2022 18:20 PST\)](#)
John Guarisco, Commissioner

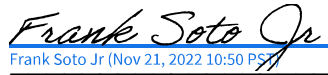
Bill Anderson
[Bill Anderson \(Nov 21, 2022 10:33 PST\)](#)
William Anderson, Commissioner

excused absence
Brian Asmus, Commissioner

Mike Kester
[mike kester \(Nov 16, 2022 10:45 PST\)](#)
Michael Kester, Commissioner

I, Frank Soto Jr., the duly appointed Fire Chief, and the appointed District Secretary for the Board of Fire Commissioners of Spokane Valley Fire Department, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing Resolution 2022-526 is a true copy of the Resolution that was adopted by the Board of Fire Commissioners on the 14th day of November 2022.

Attest:


Frank Soto Jr (Nov 21, 2022 10:50 PM)

Frank Soto Jr., Fire Chief
Spokane Valley Fire Department

For/Against Committee Member Appointment Form

Name of District: Spokane Valley Fire Department
District Contact Name: Frank Soto Jr
Email Address: sotof@spokanevalleyfire.com Phone: 509-892-4101

Jurisdiction's responsibility:

1. Email completed form to 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 or call 509.477.2320.

Information for inclusion in voters' pamphlet:

"For" Committee (1-3 members):

Committee Name: no interest recieved despite several advertising efforts.

Phone: _____ Email: _____ Web: _____

Committee Member #1: _____ Email: _____

Committee Member #2: _____ Email: _____

Committee Member #3: _____ Email: _____

"Against" Committee (1-3 members):

Committee Name: no interest received despite several advertising efforts.

Phone: _____ Email: _____ Web: _____

Committee Member #1: _____ Email: _____

Committee Member #2: _____ Email: _____

Committee Member #3: _____ Email: _____