

Spokane County Resolution Cover Sheet

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Name of District: Spokane County Fire Protection District No. 8

District Address: 12100 E. Palouse Hwy Valleyford, WA 99036

Date of Election: April 22, 2025

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Attorney for District: Brian Snure

Attorney Approved Ballot Title and Explanatory Statement for District Yes X No

Please provide documentation of Attorney Approval.

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Type of Election (levy, bond, lid lift, etc.): Multi Year Permanent EMS 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:  Date: 2.14.25
of person filing this form

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This mandatory resolution cover sheet must accompany any resolution.

SPOKANE COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 8

RESOLUTION NO. 24-05

RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION OF EMS LEVY LID LIFT

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF SPOKANE COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 8, PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE DISTRICT AT A SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD WITHIN THE DISTRICT ON APRIL 22, 2025, OF A PROPOSITION AUTHORIZING THE DISTRICT TO RESTORE THE DISTRICT'S PERMANENT EMS LEVY TO AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$.50 PER \$1,000.00 OF TRUE AND ASSESSED VALUATION AND ESTABLISHING A CIP LIMIT FACTOR 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 emergency medical services be provided by the District. Such services will necessitate the expenditure of revenues for station maintenance, operations, equipment and personnel in excess of those which can be provided by the District's EMS tax revenue levied at the current rate per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation of taxable property within the District as limited by the 101% limitation.

WHEREAS, The District previously levied at the maximum statutory dollar rate of \$0.50 per \$1,000 of assessed value in 2000. Due to a variety of factors, the District currently levies its regular property tax levy for Emergency Medical Services at a dollar rate of approximately \$.29 per \$1,000 of assessed value.

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 a rate based on the annual U.S. City average unadjusted, all items index, west city class B/C, for the CPI-W reported each June 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. 8, Spokane County Washington as follows:

Section 1. In order to provide emergency medical services in the District, it is necessary for the District to operate and maintain emergency medical service vehicles and to maintain station

facilities to be staffed by properly trained personnel equipped with proper emergency medical equipment.

Section 2. 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, the District shall, in accordance with RCW 84.55.050, remove the limitation on EMS Levy property taxes imposed by RCW 84.55.010, and levy beginning in 2025 and collect beginning in 2026, pursuant to RCW 84.52.069 an EMS Levy on taxable property within the District at a maximum rate of \$.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 emergency medical services and to assure the continuation of such services beyond 2026, the District has determined that the limit factor for the five succeeding years shall be the annual U.S. City average unadjusted, all items index, west city class B/C, for the CPI-W reported each June. Such percentage shall be used to determine the actual levy rate, subject to the maximum statutory rate of \$.50 per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation, in 2026-2030 for collection in 2027-2031.

Section 4. If approved by the voters, the amount levied in 2030 for collection in 2031, 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. 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 6. There shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the District for their ratification or rejection, at a special election on April 22, 2025, the question of whether or not the EMS tax levy of the District should be restored to \$.50 per \$1,000.00 of true and assessed valuation and be adjusted by the annual U.S. City average unadjusted, all items index, west city class B/C, for the CPI-W reported each June 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, 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. 8
Proposition #: Proposition No. 1
Short Title: Emergency Medical Services Levy Lid Lift

Ballot Title: The Board of Spokane County Fire Protection District No. 8 adopted Resolution No. 24-05 concerning a proposition to restore its Emergency Medical Services regular property tax levy.

This proposition authorizes the District to restore its EMS property tax levy to \$.50 per \$1,000 of assessed value in 2025 and authorizes adjustments by

the annual U.S. City average unadjusted, all items index, west city class B/C, for the CPI-W reported each June for the five succeeding years. The maximum allowable levy in 2030 shall serve as the base for subsequent levy limitations consistent with chapter 84.55 RCW.

Should this Proposition be:

Approved..... ☐

Rejected ☐

Section 7. In accordance with RCW 84.55.050(1), the ballot measure requires approval of a simple majority of the voters to pass.

Section 8. 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 February 21, 2025, 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 April 22, 2025 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.

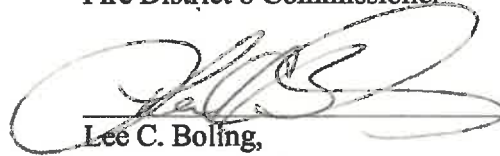
Section 13. Any act consistent with the authority and prior to the effective date of this resolution is hereby ratified and affirmed.

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. 8, Spokane County, WA, at a regular open public meeting of such Board on the 10th day of December, 2024, the following Commissioners being present and voting:



Andrew V. Rorie, Chair
Fire District 8 Commissioner



Lee C. Boling,
Fire District 8 Commissioner



Jeffery A. Larsen
Fire District 8 Commissioner



ATTEST: Michelle Rodgers, District Secretary

Election Date: April 22, 2025

Name of Jurisdiction Submitting Measure: Spokane County Fire Protection District No. 8

Contact Name: Chief Lonnie Rash

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PROPOSITION NO. 1

BALLOT ISSUE EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

(175 Word Limit)

If approved by the voters, Spokane County Fire Protection District No. 8 will be authorized to restore its emergency medical services (EMS) property tax levy from approximately \$.29 to \$.50 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation the rate previously approved by the voters in 2000 and will allow the District to address inflation by authorizing annual increases of 3% or the annual U.S. City average unadjusted, all items index, west city class B/C, for the CPI-W reported each June for each of the five succeeding years subject to the statutory \$.50 limit. The Board of Commissioners will establish the actual levy rate each year following a public hearing.

Approval of this measure will allow the District to maintain and improve the level of emergency medical services currently provided on a continuing basis. The District must use the EMS tax revenue exclusively for emergency medical services. The amount levied by the District in 2030 for collection in 2031 will serve as the base for computing future one percent increases allowed by the law.

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