

WHATCOM COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT #4

Resolution 2024-06

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF WHATCOM COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT 4, AUTHORIZING AN INCREASE IN THE REGULAR EMS PROPERTY TAX LEVY OF \$0.00, A PERCENTAGE INCREASE OF 0% FROM THE PREVIOUS YEAR'S ACTUAL EMS LEVY

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Whatcom County Fire Protection District No. 4 (the "District) attests that the District population is less than 10,000;

WHEREAS, the District has properly given notice of the public hearing held on November 14, 2024, to consider the District's current expense budget and revenue needs for the 2025 calendar year, pursuant to RCW 84.55.120;

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the District after hearing and after duly considering all revenue sources for the District's 2025 budget and all relevant evidence and testimony presented, determined that the District requires a regular EMS levy in the amount of **\$418,532.37** which includes an increase in property tax revenue from the previous year, and amounts resulting from the addition of new construction and improvements to property and any increase in the value of state-assessed property, and amounts authorized by law as a result of any annexations that have occurred and refunds made, in order to discharge the expected expenses and obligations of the district and in its best interest; now, therefore,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF WHATCOM COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT 4 THAT:

1. An increase in the regular property tax levy, in addition to any amount resulting from the addition of new construction and improvements to property and any increase in the value of state assessed property, is hereby authorized for the 2024 fire levy, to be collected in 2025, in the amount of **\$418,532.37**, which is a dollar increase of **\$0.00** and a percentage increase of **0%** from the previous year's actual EMS levy of **\$418,532.37**.
2. Further, pursuant to RCW 84.55.092, it is the intent of the District commissioners to protect the District's future levy capacity. Therefore, in any year in which the district reduces the regular EMS tax levy below the amount of levy to which the district is entitled by law, consistent with existing voter authorizations and the limitations of the state constitution and statutes, it is the district's intent to fully preserve future levy capacity as the aforesaid statute allows. The county assessor is therefore requested to set the regular property EMS tax levy at the amount which would be allowed under RCW 84.55, as if the regular EMS property tax for the district for taxes due in prior years (beginning with 1986) had been set for the full or maximum amount authorized under the law.

That the Board secretary provide a signed copy of this Resolution, together with any applicable exhibits, via email to:

Clerk of the Whatcom County Council

Whatcom County Assessor-Treasurer

ADOPTED, at the meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners, Whatcom County Fire Protection District 4, this 22nd day of November 2024, by a majority of the members.

Commissioner

ATTEST:

Commissioner

Jennie Sand, Board Secretary

Commissioner

Fire Chief