

**MARYSVILLE FIRE DISTRICT
A REGIONAL FIRE AUTHORITY
RESOLUTION NO. 2023-004**

A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION TO THE VOTERS OF THE MARYSVILLE FIRE DISTRICT, A REGIONAL FIRE AUTHORITY, AT AN ELECTION TO BE HELD THEREIN ON AUGUST 1, 2023, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE STATE PRIMARY ELECTION TO BE HELD ON THE SAME DAY, A PROPOSITION TO IMPOSE A TEN YEAR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES LEVY (“EMS LEVY”) AT A LEVY RATE OF FIFTY CENTS (\$.50) OR LESS PER THOUSAND DOLLARS OF ASSESSED VALUATION IN ADDITION TO ITS REGULAR PROPERTY TAX LEVY, TO BE LEVIED EACH YEAR BEGINNING IN 2023 AND TO BE COLLECTED IN EACH YEAR SUCCEEDING THE YEAR OF THE LEVY TO PROVIDE FUNDS REQUIRED TO CONTINUE TO PROVIDE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES.

WHEREAS, the City of Marysville (“City”) and the Snohomish County Fire Protection District No. 12 (“Fire District No. 12”), by Interlocal Agreement in 1991, and as was subsequently amended, created the Marysville Fire District to provide fire and emergency response services within the corporate limits of the City of Marysville and the boundaries of the Fire District No. 12; and

WHEREAS, with the growing needs of the community within the service area and the demands for enhanced fire and EMS services, the City and the District determined that it was in the public interest to place a measure, pursuant to the terms and conditions of chapter 52.26 RCW, before the voters that if approved would result in the formation of a regional fire authority; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the special election held on April 23, 2019, for consideration of Ballot Measure Proposition No. 1, the voters approved and authorized the creation of the Marysville Fire District, a Regional Fire Authority (“District”) effective October 1, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the Washington State Legislature recognized the financial burden to be encumbered upon local governments for the provisioning of Emergency Medical Services to the citizens of their community and authorized, through the adoption of RCW 84.52.069, the funding of emergency medical services through voter approved emergency medical services levies, and

WHEREAS, the entire region comprising the District was subject to permanent emergency medical service levies immediately prior to the District’s formation and those permanent emergency medical service levies of Fire District No. 12 and the City have continued, with tax revenue from such funds being passed through to the District, since the formation of the District; and

WHEREAS, the existing permanent emergency medical service levies of the City and Fire District No. 12 are at rates insufficient to meet the needs of providing existing levels of emergency medical services in the District; and

WHEREAS, it is the judgment of the Board of Directors 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 continue to be provided by the District. Such levels of service will necessitate the expenditure of revenues for maintenance, operations, equipment, and personnel in excess of those which can be provided by the District's regular tax levy or by the existing emergency medical service levy rates of the City and Fire District No. 12; and

WHEREAS, the District desires to impose a new 10 year emergency medical services levy ("EMS Levy") in order to continue providing excellent emergency medical services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR THE MARYSVILLE FIRE DISTRICT, A REGIONAL FIRE AUTHORITY, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Levies. In order to provide the revenue adequate to pay the costs of providing adequate life protection services and facilities, the District shall levy each year for a period of ten consecutive years beginning in 2023 and collect each year for a period of ten consecutive years beginning in 2024, a general tax on taxable property within the District in addition to the regular levy for maintenance and operation costs, in an amount not to exceed \$0.50 per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation of such property. Such EMS Levy is pursuant to RCW 84.52.069 and, if approved by the voters, will be levied in place of the existing permanent EMS levies of the City and Fire District No. 12 during the 10 year term of the EMS Levy. The permanent EMS levy authority of the City and Fire District No. 12 shall remain and not be eliminated by the proposition set forth in this Resolution but such levies shall not be imposed during such time as the District imposes its own EMS Levy in accordance with state law.

Section 2. Use of Funds. In accordance with RCW 84.52.069, the funds raised by the EMS Levy shall be used only for the provision of emergency medical services, including related personnel costs, training for such personnel and related equipment, supplies, vehicles, and structures needed for the provision of emergency medical services.

Section 3. Call for election. The District Board of Directors hereby declares the need to call an election by the County Auditor of Snohomish County, Ex-officio Supervisor for Elections, and requests said Auditor to call and conduct a special election on the 1st day of August, 2023 for the purpose of submitting to the voters of the District for their approval or rejection pursuant to RCW 84.52.069 the EMS Levy proposition described herein.

Section 4. Ballot title. Pursuant to RCW 84.52.069 and 29A.36.210, the Snohomish County Prosecuting Attorney is requested to prepare the concise description of the aforesaid proposition for the ballot title in substantially the following form:

PROPOSITION NO. 1
MARYSVILLE FIRE DISTRICT, A REGIONAL FIRE AUTHORITY
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES
PROPERTY TAX LEVY

Will the Marysville Fire District, a Regional Fire Authority, be authorized to impose a regular property tax levy of \$0.50 or less per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation for each of ten consecutive years, with collection beginning in 2024, to provide funding for emergency medical services, with such levy being imposed instead of the existing emergency medical services levies of the City of Marysville and Fire District No 12 during this time?

YES..... []

NO..... []

Section 5. Certification. The Secretary of the District is directed (a) to certify to the Auditor a copy of this Resolution No. 2023-004 by May 12, 2023; and (b) to perform such other duties as are necessary and required by law in submitting to the voters of at the aforesaid election the foregoing proposition.

Section 6. Implementation. The Fire Chief of the District is authorized to implement such administrative procedures as may be necessary to carry out the directives of this legislation.

Section 7. Severability. If any provision of this Resolution or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the ordinance or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected.

Section 8. Effective Date. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect upon passage and signatures hereon.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Marysville Fire District, A Regional Fire Authority, this 19th day of April, 2023 by majority vote of the members.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS


Board Chairperson

ATTEST:
MARYSVILLE FIRE DISTRICT


District Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Noel Treat, District Attorney