

Election Date: November 6, 2018
Name of Jurisdiction Submitting Measure: North Kitsap Fire & Rescue
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PROPOSITION NO. 1

BALLOT ISSUE EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

If Proposition 1 is approved by the voters, North Kitsap Fire & Rescue will be authorized to collect a maintenance and operations excess levy in the sum of \$1,619,592 for each year in 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022. The District estimates that the tax levy rate necessary to generate these funds will be a maximum of \$0.48 per \$1,000 of assessed property valuation. The levy rate will decrease if assessed property values increase. This temporary four-year excess levy will be in addition to the District's regular fire and emergency medical services tax levies. It replaces the District's previous excess levy and the bond levy that both expire in 2018.

The District is experiencing the lingering effects of the recession's decreased tax and the costs of providing services are increasing. Statutory limitations on regular tax levies prevent revenues from recovering at the same rate as assessed valuations. The District cannot continue to maintain current levels of service without the additional funds necessary to pay for increasing operational costs and capital needs long deferred due to revenue limitations.

If this levy is approved, the maximum additional annual tax is estimated to be \$48.00 per \$100,000 assessed valuation. However, as two current tax levies expire this year, the annual net increase is estimated not to exceed \$18.09 - \$31.73 per \$100,000 of assessed valuation, depending on whether

the property is subject to the expiring bond levy and provided that the property's assessed valuation increases by the Kitsap County Assessor's estimate of 10%. Property owners in the former Kitsap County Fire District 14 (Hansville, Eglon, Cliffside) do not pay on the expiring bond levy as it was approved by voters prior to that district's merger into North Kitsap Fire & Rescue.

Exemptions from taxes may be available to homeowners who are 61 or older, or disabled, and who meet certain income requirements.

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