

Election Date: November 8, 2022

Name of Jurisdiction Submitting Measure: North Kitsap Fire & Rescue

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### **Explanatory Statement**

North Kitsap Fire & Rescue provides emergency fire protection and medical services to its citizens. The District's Board of Commissioners has determined that this proposition is necessary to maintain an effective level of service, fire fighter staffing, equipment and facilities in light of rising costs and increasing service demands. The taxes levied pursuant to this measure will allow the District to maintain the level of fire protection and emergency medical services provided to its citizens.

If approved by the voters, this proposition will authorize the District to restore its regular real property tax levy rate to \$1.50 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation in 2022 for collection in 2023 (the current levy is approximately \$.97 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation). For the five subsequent years, the proposition authorizes annual adjustments of the greater of one percent or the annual CPI-W for Seattle-Tacoma-Bellevue for the period from August to August as reported in the levy year, not to exceed six percent. The amount levied in 2027 and collected in 2028 shall serve as the District's tax levy base and, in 2028, absent further voter approval, the tax levy will be subject to the statutory one percent limit.

This lid lift will replace the District's \$.35 per thousand of assessed valuation maintenance and operation levy which expires in 2022. When combined in the statutory reduction of the EMS levy rate (estimated to be \$.07 per thousand) this will result in a net change to the overall levy rate of \$.11 cents per thousand of assessed valuation.

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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