

Learn more about the fire levy lid lift.

What's on my election ballot?

East County Fire and Rescue is asking voters to restore the fire levy to \$1.50 per \$1,000 of assessed property value.

Why is my fire district asking for this?

The fire district is limited to a 1% tax revenue increase per year. This limitation results in very little tax revenue growth each year while the cost of business continues to increase. We have struggled financially to keep two stations staffed to best serve our community. Without a lid lift we will likely only be able to staff one station. This will result in longer response times for the majority of our district.

How much will it cost?

The lid lift would be an additional 34 cents per \$1,000 (or \$12.75 per month for the owner of a \$450,000 home).

Assessed Property Value (AV)	Amount Per Year	Amount Per Month
\$300,000	\$102.00	\$8.50
\$450,000	\$153.00	\$12.75
\$600,000	\$204.00	\$17.00
\$750,000	\$255.00	\$21.25

Have voters approved a fire levy lid lift before?

Yes, voters in East County Fire and Rescue approved a fire levy lid lift in 2008. That levy rate has fallen to \$1.16/\$1,000 in 2019. Levy rates fall as property values rise to limit the fire district to roughly the same amount of revenue per year.

This Levy failed in 2018; why is it on the ballot again this year?

Last year we asked for a **5 year** permanent lid lift, and the results were 46% "Yes" and 54% "No." We heard you. Feedback from voters was that they felt a 5 year permanent lift was too much to ask for. We are now asking voters for a **1 year** Fire Levy Lid Lift that will allow us to maintain the essential levels of service at the currently staffed stations in the Mt. Norway area (St 94) and the Fern Prairie area (St 91).

Where can I find more information?

More information can be found on our website at www.ecfr.us or on our Facebook page. Chief Mike Carnes also is available to answer questions at (360)834-4908 or mcarnes@ecfr.us

Thank you for considering our request.

