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Resolution 389-07312026 **(General Election)** **Resolution to Submit an EMS Levy**

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF EAST COUNTY FIRE AND RESCUE PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE DISTRICT AT THE GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD WITHIN THE DISTRICT ON NOVEMBER 3, 2026 IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE STATE GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON THE SAME DATE, OF A PROPOSITION AUTHORIZING THE CONTINUATION OF AN EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES PROPERTY TAX LEVY NOT TO EXCEED \$.35 per \$1,000.00 of TRUE AND ASSESSED VALUATION, IN ADDITION TO ITS REGULAR PROPERTY TAX LEVY, FOR A PERIOD OF SIX CONSECUTIVE YEARS BEGINNING IN 2027 AND ENDING IN 2032 AND TO BE COLLECTED IN EACH SUCCEEDING YEAR TO PROVIDE FUNDS REQUIRED BY THE DISTRICT TO ENABLE THE DISTRICT TO PROVIDE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES. **PROVIDED, THIS PROPOSITION SHALL NOT BE SUBMITTED TO THE VOTERS IF THE MEASURE AUTHORIZED BY RESOLUTION 384-04072026 IS APPROVED BY THE VOTERS AT THE PRIMARY ELECTION HELD ON AUGUST 4, 2026.**

Background: WHEREAS, the District voters approved a six-year \$.35 EMS levy in 2020.

WHEREAS, it is the judgment of the Board of Commissioners 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 be provided by the District and that the EMS levy be continued for an additional six years.

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners have determined that such services 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 for collection over the next six years;

Resolution: NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of East County Fire and Rescue, Clark County, Washington as follows:

Section 1. In order to provide emergency medical services, it is necessary that the District perform the following functions:

1.1 Obtain, operate and maintain emergency medical vehicles and facilities manned by properly trained emergency medical technicians and other medically trained personnel.

1.2 Obtain consumable medical supplies and medical appliances to equip such vehicles and facilities.

1.3 Continue to provide the level of service as deemed necessary by the Board of Commissioners of the Fire District.

Section 2. In order to provide the revenue adequate to pay the costs of providing adequate emergency medical services and facilities as described in Section 1 and to maintain reserve funds sufficient to assure the

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continuation of such services, the District shall levy each year for a period of six consecutive years beginning in 2026 and collect each year for a period of six consecutive years, beginning in 2027, 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 \$.35 per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation of such property.

Section 3. In accordance with RCW 84.52.069 the funds raised by such levy shall be used only for the provision of emergency medical services, including related personnel costs, service contract costs, training for such personnel, and related equipment, supplies, vehicles and structures needed for the provision of emergency medical services.

Section 4. The District electors previously approved a six year \$.35 EMS Levy in 2020.

Section 5. There shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the District for their ratification or rejection, at the general election on November 3, 2026, in conjunction with the general election to be held on the same date, the question of whether or not such levy for emergency medical services, in addition to the regular levy for maintenance and operation, shall be made each year for a period of six consecutive years, the first levy to be made in 2026 and to be collected in 2027. The Board of Commissioners hereby requests the auditor of Clark County, as ex-officio Supervisor of Elections to call such election and to submit the following proposition at such election, in the form of a ballot title substantially as follows:

PROPOSITION

East County Fire and Rescue – Board of Commissioners – Proposition authorizing and continuing regular emergency medical services property tax levy.

The Board of Fire Commissioners of East County Fire and Rescue adopted Resolution 389-07312026 concerning a proposition to continue its emergency medical services property tax levy.

Will East County Fire and Rescue be authorized to continue to fund emergency medical services for its citizens by imposing a regular property tax levy of \$.35 or less per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation for a period of six consecutive years to be collected beginning in 2027?

Yes

No

Section 6. In accordance with RCW 84.52.069(2), the ballot measure is for a subsequent approval of an expiring EMS Levy and shall require a simple majority vote.

Section 7. The Board hereby assigns to the Chief or designee the task of appointing members to a committee to advocate voters' approval of the proposition and to a committee to prepare arguments advocating voters' rejection of the proposition.

Section 8. For purposes of receiving notice of any matters related to the ballot title, as provided in RCW 29A.36.080, the Board hereby designates the Chief or designee and legal counsel as the individuals to whom the County Auditor shall provide such notice.

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Section 9. The Chief or designee is authorized to implement such administrative procedures as may be necessary to carry out the directives of this resolution, including modifying the text of the ballot title and any other text, language and/or descriptions relative thereto necessary to conform such ballot title, text, language and/or descriptions to the intent of the parties, consistent with the objectives of this resolution.

Section 10. The Chief, or designee, is hereby authorized and directed, no later than August 4, 2026, to provide to the County Auditor a certified copy of this resolution and the proper District officials are authorized to perform such other duties or take such other actions as are necessary or required by law to the end that the proposition described in this resolution appear on the ballot before the voters at the November 3, 2026 election. **The Chief, or designee, is further authorized to withdraw the Resolution without further action by the Board in the event the District voters approve the District's ballot measure at the August 4, 2026 primary election.**

Section 11. If any section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this resolution is declared unconstitutional or invalid for any reason, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this resolution.

Section 12. Any act consistent with the authority and prior to the effective date of this resolution is hereby ratified and affirmed.

Section 13. This resolution shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage.

Adoption: ADOPTED by the Board of Commissioners of East County Fire and Rescue, Clark County, Washington, at an open public meeting of such Board on the 31st day of July 2026, the following commissioners being present and voting:

Signed by:

Joshua Seeds

Joshua Seeds, Chairperson

Brendan Addis, Vice Chair

Steve Hofmaster, Commissioner

Absent

Eric Holt, Commissioner

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Martha Martin

Martha Martin, Commissioner

Attest

Teresa Guard, District Secretary