

# Spokane County Resolution Cover Sheet

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Name of District: Spokane County Fire Protection District No. 8

District Address: 12100 E. Palouse Hwy. Valleyford, WA 99036

Date of Election: February 14, 2023

Contact Person: Lonnie J. Rash Title: Fire Chief

Contact Phone: 509.370.9801 Fax: 509.924.8358

Contact Email: lrash@scfd8.org

2<sup>nd</sup> Contact Person: Carol Trescott Title: Administrative Assistant

2<sup>nd</sup> Contact Phone: 509.926.6699

2<sup>nd</sup> Contact Email: ctrescott@scfd8.org

Attorney for District: Brian Snure

Attorney Phone: 206-824-5630 Attorney Fax: n/a

Attorney Email Address: brian@snurelaw.com

Type of Election (levy, bond, lid lift, etc.): Four Year Maintenance and Operations Excess Levy

Please state the pass/fail requirement for this measure (i.e. simple majority, 60%, etc.) as determined by your legal counsel, together with applicable statutory references: 60%

Pursuant to Article VII, Section 2(a) of the Washington State Constitution, the ballot measure shall require approval of 60% percent of the voters if total number of voters voting exceeds 40% of the voters voting at the preceding general election. If the total number of voters voting do not exceed 40% of the total number of voters voting at the preceding general election, then the number of voters voting "yes" on the proposition must also constitute 60% of a number equal to 40% of the total number of voters voting in the district at the last preceding general election.

Signature:   
of person filing this form

Date: 11.15.2022

This form may be filled out and printed.

**This mandatory resolution cover sheet must accompany any resolution.**

**SPOKANE COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 8**

**RESOLUTION 22-04**

**MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS LEVY RCW 84.52.130  
FEBRUARY 14, 2023 SPECIAL ELECTION**

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF SPOKANE COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 8, PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE DISTRICT AT A SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD WITHIN THE DISTRICT ON FEBRUARY 14, 2023, OF A PROPOSITION AUTHORIZING THE LEVY OF A GENERAL TAX ON THE TAXABLE PROPERTY WITHIN THE DISTRICT IN EXCESS OF CONSTITUTIONAL AND STATUTORY LIMITATIONS IN THE SUM OF \$2,798,217.00 IN 2023, \$2,938,178.00 IN 2024, \$3,085,034.00 IN 2025 AND \$3,239,289.00 IN 2026 WHICH IS APPROXIMATELY \$.50 PER \$1,000.00 OF TRUE AND ASSESSED VALUATION, TO BE COLLECTED IN EACH SUCCEEDING YEAR TO PROVIDE FUNDS REQUIRED BY THE DISTRICT TO MAINTAIN AND IMPROVE THE LEVEL OF SERVICE IN THE DISTRICT.

**Background:** 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 the fire and emergency medical services enumerated in this resolution be provided by the District. Such services will necessitate the expenditure of revenues for maintenance and operations in excess of those that can be provided by the District's regular tax levy. The excess levy shall be in the following amounts:

\$2,798,217.00 in 2023 for collection in 2024 (estimated levy rate of \$.50 per \$1,000).

\$2,938,178.00 in 2024 for collection in 2025 (estimated levy rate of \$.50 per \$1,000).

\$3,085,034.00 in 2025 for collection in 2026 (estimated levy rate of \$.50 per \$1,000).

\$3,239,289.00 in 2026 for collection in 2027 (estimated levy rate of \$.50 per \$1,000).

**Resolution:** NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Spokane County Fire Protection District No. 8, Spokane County, Washington as follows:

**Section 1.** The cost of operating a fire department that provides fire prevention, fire protection and emergency medical services has increased because of the specialized equipment, personnel training and supplies now required by state and federal regulations. The District voters previously approved a four year maintenance and operations levy that expires in 2023. The District is not able to sustain service levels provided within the limitations of the District's regular tax levy. The District cannot maintain or improve its existing level of services without additional revenue. The excess levy will permit the District to maintain current levels of service by having firefighter/medics staffing each station with a least one firefighter paramedic and by providing additional training in advanced life saving techniques. The excess levy will also provide the funding necessary to insure that a sufficient number of firefighters arrive on scene within the initial minutes of an emergency to allow more immediate action without having to wait for additional firefighter/medics to arrive.

**Section 2.** In order to provide revenue adequate to pay the costs of salaries, equipment and facilities necessary to maintain and improve the District’s level of service as described in Section 1 of this Resolution and to maintain reserve funds sufficient to assure the continuation of such services, the District shall, levy in 2023 and each succeeding year for a period of four years and collect in the year following the levy, a general tax on taxable property within the District, in excess of the regular levy for maintenance and operation costs, in the following amounts:

- \$2,798,217.00 in 2023 for collection in 2024 (estimated levy rate of \$.50 per \$1,000).
- \$2,938,178.00 in 2024 for collection in 2025 (estimated levy rate of \$.50 per \$1,000).
- \$3,085,034.00 in 2025 for collection in 2026 (estimated levy rate of \$.50 per \$1,000).
- \$3,239,289.00 in 2026 for collection in 2027 (estimated levy rate of \$.50 per \$1,000).

**Section 3.** There shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the District for their approval or rejection, at a special election on February 14, 2023, the question of whether or not such levy for maintenance and operations, in excess of the constitutional and statutory limits, shall be made. The Board of Commissioners hereby requests the Auditor of Spokane County, as ex-officio Supervisor of Elections, call such election, and to submit the following proposition at such election, in the form of a ballot title substantially as follows:

**PROPOSITION NO. 1**  
**Spokane County Fire Protection District No. 8**

The Board of Spokane County Fire Protection District No. 8 adopted Resolution 22-04 concerning a proposition to finance maintenance and operation costs.

This proposition, would authorize the levy of the excess taxes, in replacement of an existing levy, specified below as authorized by RCW 84.52.130, to provide the funding necessary to maintain the level of fire protection and emergency medical services within the District.

<u>Levy Year</u>	<u>Collection Year</u>	<u>Levy Rate*</u>	<u>Levy Amount</u>
2023	2024	\$0.50	\$2,798,217.00
2024	2025	\$0.50	\$2,938,178.00
2025	2026	\$0.50	\$3,085,034.00
2026	2027	\$0.50	\$3,239,289.00

(\*Approximate Levy rate per \$1,000 of assessed valuation)

Should this proposition be approved?

YES . . .

NO . . .

**Section 4.** Pursuant to Article VII, Section 2(a) of the Washington State Constitution, the ballot measure shall require approval of 60% percent of the voters if total number of voters voting exceeds 40% of the voters voting at the preceding general election. If the total number of voters voting do not exceed 40% of the total number of voters voting at the preceding general election, then the number of voters voting "yes" on the proposition must also constitute 60% of a number equal to 40% of the total number of voters voting in the district at the last preceding general election.

**Section 5.** 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 Fire Chief and legal counsel as the individuals to whom the County Auditor shall provide such notice.

**Section 6.** The Chief 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 7.** The Chief, or designee, is hereby authorized and directed, no later than December 16, 2022, 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 February 14, 2023 election.

**Section 8.** The District hereby requests that Spokane County Elections prepare and distribute a Local Voters Pamphlet.

**Section 9.** The Board of Commissioners hereby assign to the Fire 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 10.** 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 11.** Any act consistent with the authority and prior to the effective date of this resolution is hereby ratified and affirmed.

**Section 12.** This resolution shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage.

**Adoption:** ADOPTED by the Board of Commissioners of Spokane County Fire Protection District No. 8, Spokane County, Washington, at a regular open public meeting of such Board on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2022 the following commissioners being present and voting:



Andrew V. Rorie  
Fire District 8 Commissioner

Lee C. Boling, Chair  
Fire District 8 Commissioner

Gregory A. Hesse  
Fire District 8 Commissioner

ATTEST: Carol L. Trescott  
District Secretary

Election Date: February 14, 2023  
Name of Jurisdiction Submitting Measure: Spokane County Fire Protection District No. 8  
Contact Name: Chief Lonnie Rash  
Daytime Contact Phone Number: 509-926-6699

## PROPOSITION NO. 1

### BALLOT ISSUE EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

If approved by the voters, the District will be authorized to levy a maintenance and operations excess levy in the sum of \$2,798,217.00 in 2023, \$2,938,178.00 in 2024, \$3,085,034.00 in 2025 and \$3,239,289.00 in 2026 which is approximately \$.50 per \$1,000.00 of true and assessed valuation, to be collected in each succeeding year. Such levy will replace the current excess levy and is in addition to the District's regular and EMS tax levies.

The District continues to experience increases in the cost of specialized equipment, personnel, training, and supplies required by various laws, codes and standards. The levy will enable the District to maintain current staffing and service levels.

If the levy is approved, the maximum tax per \$100,000.00 assessed valuation is estimated not to exceed \$50.00 each year or approximately an additional \$4.17 per month for fire protection and emergency medical services.

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## For/Against Committee Member Appointment Form

Name of District: Spokane County Fire Protection District #8  
District Contact Name: LONNIE RASH  
Email Address: lrash@scfd8.org Phone: 509.370.9801

### Jurisdiction's responsibility:

1. Email completed form to [pamphlet@spokanecounty.org](mailto:pamphlet@spokanecounty.org) by the resolution submittal deadline.
2. Provide committee members with statement submission requirements and deadlines. Committees are solely responsible for submitting voters' pamphlet statements to the Elections Division.

Deadlines are on page 13 of these administrative rules. Questions? Contact the Elections Office at [pamphlet@spokanecounty.org](mailto:pamphlet@spokanecounty.org) or call 509.477.2320.

### Information for inclusion in voters' pamphlet:

#### "For" Committee (1-3 members):

Committee Name: NO Declared NAME  
Phone: 1.509.590.6569 Email: laschneider32@gmail.com Web: N/A  
Committee Member #1: Lori Schneider Email: laschneider32@gmail.com  
Committee Member #2: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
Committee Member #3: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

#### "Against" Committee (1-3 members):

Committee Name: NO Defined NAME  
Phone: 1.509.981.4371 Email: johnnobbie@gmail.com Web: N/A  
Committee Member #1: John Whitehead Email: johnnobbie@gmail.com  
Committee Member #2: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
Committee Member #3: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_