



Resolution Cover Sheet

This form is mandatory and must accompany each resolution.

Name of District: Lewis County Fire Protection District #3

District Address: PO Box 127 / 238 Mossyrock Rd. East Mossyrock, WA 98564

Date of Election: November 4th, 2025

Contact Person: Bill Edgington Title: Fire Chief

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Type of Election (levy, bond, lid lift, sales tax, etc.): Single Year Permanent Levy Lid Lift

Pass/Fail requirement for this measure as determined by your legal counsel: _____



Simple majority or majority 50% +1



Supermajority or 60%

Applicable statutory reference as determined by legal counsel: RCW 84.55.050(1)

Validation requirement as determined by your legal counsel. The minimum number of voters "required" to turnout (cast a ballot) in an excess levy or bond election.

This issue requires validation: ☐ Yes ☒ No

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LEWIS COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 3

RESOLUTION NO. 25-03

RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION OF A LEVY LID LIFT (General Election)

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF LEWIS COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 3, PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE DISTRICT AT AN ELECTION TO BE HELD WITHIN THE DISTRICT ON NOVEMBER 4, 2025, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE STATE GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON THE SAME DATE, OF A PROPOSITION AUTHORIZING THE DISTRICT TO ESTABLISH ITS REGULAR PROPERTY TAX LEVY AT \$.90 PER \$1,000.00 OF TRUE AND ASSESSED VALUATION SUBJECT TO OTHERWISE APPLICABLE STATUTORY LIMITATIONS.

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 be provided by the District.

WHEREAS, The Board of Commissioners has determined that the accelerated demands for, and increasing costs of, providing services will necessitate the expenditure of revenues for improved fire protection operations, replacing apparatus and equipment, firefighter recruitment and training and maintaining emergency medical service levels in excess of those which can be provided by the District's regular tax revenue levied at the current rate of approximately \$.34 per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation of taxable property within the District as limited by the 101% limitation, not to exceed 1% maximum increase per year.

WHEREAS, The Board of Commissioners has determined that it is in the best interest of the District that the maximum allowable levy authorized by this Resolution serve as the levy base for purposes of applying the limit factor established by RCW 84.55.010 in subsequent years.

Resolution: NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Lewis County Fire Protection District No. 3, Lewis County Washington as follows:

Section 1. In order to meet increased call volumes, maintain the level of fire protection, prevention, emergency medical services and the protection of life and property in the District, it is necessary for the District to operate and maintain emergency fire and medical service vehicles and improve station and other capital facilities and to retain properly trained firefighters equipped with proper firefighting and emergency medical equipment.

Section 2. In order to provide the revenue adequate to pay the costs of maintaining and providing the services described in Section 1 and to assure the continuation and improvement of such services the District shall, in accordance with RCW 84.55.050, remove the limitation on regular property taxes imposed by RCW 84.55.010, and levy beginning in 2025 and collect beginning in 2026, pursuant to RCW 52.16.130 and RCW 52.16.140, a general tax on taxable property within the District at a rate of \$.90 per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation subject to otherwise applicable

statutory limits.

Section 3. If approved by the voters, the amount levied in 2025 for collection in 2026, shall serve as the District's tax levy base for purposes of applying the limit factor established by RCW 84.55.010 in subsequent years.

Section 4. There shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the District for their ratification or rejection, at an election on November 4, 2025, in conjunction with the state general election to be held on the same date, the question of whether or not the regular property tax levy of the District should be established at \$.90 per \$1,000.00 of true and assessed valuation, subject to otherwise applicable statutory limitations. The Board of Commissioners hereby requests the auditor of Lewis 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:

Name of Jurisdiction: Lewis County Fire Protection District No. 3
Proposition #: Proposition No. 1
Short Title: Levy Lid Lift

Ballot Title: The Board of Lewis County Fire Protection District No. 3 adopted Resolution No. 25-03 concerning a proposition to establish its regular property tax levy.

This proposition authorizes the District to establish its regular property tax levy at \$.90 per \$1,000 of assessed value to be assessed in 2025 and collected in 2026. The funds will maintain and improve fire protection, and emergency medical services, replace apparatus and equipment, and provide for firefighter safety. The dollar amount of the 2025 levy collected in 2026 shall serve as the base for computing subsequent levy limitations as provided by chapter 84.55 RCW.

Should this Proposition be:

Approved.....☐
Rejected☐

Section 5. In accordance with RCW 84.55.050(1), the ballot measure requires approval of a simple majority of the voters to pass.

Section 6. The Board hereby assigns 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 7. 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 as the individual to whom the County Auditor shall provide such notice.

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Section 8. 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 9. The Chief, or designee, is hereby authorized and directed, no later than August 5, 2025, 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 4, 2025 election.

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 Lewis County Fire Protection District No. 3, Lewis County, WA, at an open public meeting of such Board on the 18th day of June, 2025, the following Commissioners being present and voting:



Commissioner Doug Houghtelling



Commissioner Scott Spade



Commissioner Curt Spahn



Secretary Amanda Blankenship