

Ballot Resolution Cover Sheet

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This form **MUST** accompany each resolution for a ballot measure.

This form is to be completed by the district administrator. They should have the authority and be available to answer questions. The completed form must be submitted to Mason County Elections by the close of business hours on the day of the deadline.

If you have any question on how to complete this form please contact Mason County Elections at (360) 427-9670 ext. 470.

District name: North Mason Regional Fire Authority

District Address: PO Box 277

Election Date: August 6th, 2024

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District attorney: Brian Snure

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Does measure require Simple or Super majority? Simple Super _____
Single Year Permanent Lid Lift, RCW 84.55.050(1)

The following required documents must be submitted by Resolution Deadline:

Explanatory Statement (via email only): **Letter from Attorney Approving Statement:**

Committee Appointment Form:

For Office Use Only:

Election Date: 8/6/24-Primary
Figures checked?
Language emailed to district?

Checked against resolution language?
Spell checked?
Language mailed to district?

**NORTH MASON FIRE AUTHORITY
RESOLUTION NO. 24-01
RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION OF LEVY
GENERAL ELECTION**

A RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF NORTH MASON FIRE AUTHORITY PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF NORTH MASON FIRE AUTHORITY AT AN ELECTION TO BE HELD WITHIN NORTH MASON FIRE AUTHORITY ON AUGUST 6, 2024, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE STATE PRIMARY ELECTION TO BE HELD ON THE SAME DATE, OF A PROPOSITION AUTHORIZING A LEVY OF A PROPERTY TAX NOT TO EXCEED \$1.11 PER \$1,000.00 OF TRUE AND ASSESSED VALUATION SUBJECT TO OTHERWISE APPLICABLE STATUTORY LIMITATIONS.

Background: WHEREAS, it is the judgment of the Governing Board of North Mason Fire Authority that it is essential and necessary for the protection of the health and life of the residents of North Mason Fire Authority that the fire and emergency medical services be provided by North Mason Fire Authority.

WHEREAS, The Governing Board 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 North Mason Fire Authority's regular tax revenue levied at the current rate of approximately \$0.812174 per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation of taxable property within North Mason Fire Authority as limited by the 101% limitation, not to exceed 1% maximum increase per year.

WHEREAS, North Mason Fire Authority previously levied at the full \$1.49 rate in 2008.

WHEREAS, The Governing Board has determined that it is in the best interest of North Mason Fire Authority 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 Governing Board of North Mason Fire Authority, Mason 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 North Mason Fire Authority, it is necessary for North Mason Fire Authority 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 North Mason Fire Authority 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 2024 and collect beginning in 2025, pursuant to RCW 52.26.140, a general tax on taxable property within North Mason Fire Authority at a rate of \$1.11 per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation subject to otherwise applicable statutory limits.

Section 3. The amount levied in 2024 shall serve as North Mason Fire Authority’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 North Mason Fire Authority for their ratification or rejection, at an election on August 6, 2024, in conjunction with the State primary election to be held on the same date, the question of whether or not the regular property tax levy of North Mason Fire Authority should be restored to \$1.11 per \$1,000.00 of true and assessed valuation, subject to otherwise applicable statutory limitations. The Governing Board hereby requests the auditor of Mason 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:

Name of Jurisdiction: North Mason Fire Authority
Proposition #: Proposition No. 1
Short Title: Property Tax Levy for Fire Protection and Emergency Medical Services.

Ballot Title: The Board of North Mason Fire Authority adopted Resolution No. 24-01 concerning a proposition to maintain and adequately fund District operations.

This proposition authorizes North Mason Fire Authority to restore its regular property tax levy to \$1.11 per \$1,000 of assessed value to be assessed in 2024 and collected in 2025. The funds will be used to maintain and improve fire protection and emergency medical services, replace apparatus and equipment, and provide for firefighter safety. The maximum allowable levy in 2024 shall serve as the base for subsequent levy limitations as provided by chapter 84.55 RCW.

Should this proposition be:

Approved

Rejected

Section 5. Pursuant to RCW 84.55.050(1), the measure requires a simple majority vote to be approved.

Section 6. 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 7. For purposes of receiving notice of any matters related to the ballot title, as provided in RCW 29A.36.080, the Board designates the Chief or designee as the individuals to whom the County Auditor shall provide such notice.

Section 8. 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 9. The Chief, or designee, is hereby authorized and directed, no later than May 10, 2024, to provide to the County Auditor a certified copy of this resolution and is authorized to perform such other duties or take such other actions as are necessary or required by law to make sure the proposition described in this resolution appears on the ballot before the voters at the August 6, 2024 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 Governing Board of North Mason Fire Authority at an open public meeting of such Board on the 19th day of March 2024, the following board members being present and voting:



Paul Severson, Board Chair



Kelley McIntosh Board Vice Chair



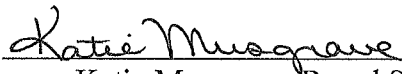
Robert Miller- Commissioner



Dan Kewish- Commissioner



John Inch-Commissioner



Katie Musgrave- Board Secretary