

**NORTH MASON REGIONAL FIRE AUTHORITY
RESOLUTION NO. 26-01
(PRIMARY ELECTION)
RESOLUTION TO SUBMIT AN EMS LEVY**

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A RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF NORTH MASON REGIONAL FIRE AUTHORITY PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE RFA AT AN ELECTION TO BE HELD WITHIN THE RFA ON AUGUST 4, 2026, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE STATE PRIMARY ELECTION OF A PROPOSITION AUTHORIZING THE CONTINUATION OF AN EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES PROPERTY TAX LEVY NOT TO EXCEED \$.50 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 2026 AND ENDING IN 2031 AND TO BE COLLECTED IN EACH SUCCEEDING YEAR (2027-2032) TO PROVIDE FUNDS REQUIRED BY THE RFA TO ENABLE THE RFA TO PROVIDE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES.

Background: WHEREAS, the RFA currently has a six-year EMS levy that was approved by the voters in 2020. The current levy rate is approximately \$.28 per thousand of assessed valuation and this is the final year the levy will be collected.

It is the judgment of the Governing Board of the RFA that it is essential and necessary for the protection of the health and life of the residents of the RFA that emergency medical services be provided by the RFA and that the EMS levy be established at a rate not to exceed \$.50 per \$1,000 of assessed property value. Such services will necessitate the expenditure of revenues for maintenance, operations, equipment and personnel in excess of those which can be provided by the RFA's regular tax levy;

Resolution: NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Board of North Mason Regional Fire Authority as follows:

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

- 1.1 Obtain, operate and maintain emergency medical vehicles and facilities staffed 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 Governing Board of the Fire RFA.

Section 2. In order to provide the revenue adequate to pay the costs of providing adequate life protection services and facilities as described in Section 1 and to maintain reserve funds sufficient to assure the continuation of such services, the RFA shall continue its EMS levy by levying 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 RFA, in addition to the regular levy for maintenance and operation costs, in an amount not to exceed \$.50 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 RFA electors previously approved a six year EMS Levy in 2020 at the rate of \$.50 per thousand of assessed valuation that is currently being levied at the rate of \$.28 per thousand of assessed valuation. This measure, if approved by the voters, would continue the levy at the \$.50 per thousand rate in 2026 for collection in 2027. The levy rate the following five years will be based on the allowable state increase of one percent subject to a maximum \$.50 levy rate in the event assessed values decrease.

Section 5. There shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the RFA for their ratification or rejection, at the primary election on August 4, 2026, the question of whether or not such levy for emergency medical services shall be made each year for a period of six consecutive years, the first levy to be collected in 2027. The Governing Board hereby requests the auditor of Mason County, as ex-officio Supervisors 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 NO.1

North Mason Regional Fire Authority - Governing Board

Emergency Medical Services Property Tax Levy.

Will North Mason Regional Fire Authority be authorized to continue funding emergency medical services for its citizens by continuing to impose a regular property tax levy of \$.50 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. 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 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 1, 2026 to provide to the County Auditor a certified copy of this resolution and the proper RFA 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 August 4, 2026 election.

Section 10. If the County publishes a voter's guide, 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 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.

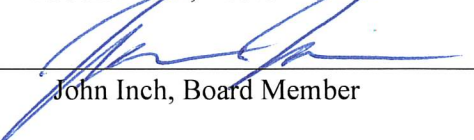
Section 13. This resolution shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage.

Adoption: ADOPTED by the Governing Board of North Mason Regional Fire Authority at an open public meeting of such Board on the 21st day of April 2026, the following Board Members being present and voting:

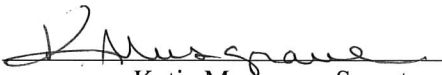

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