

Fire Protection District No. 12 - Tenino

Proposition No. 1

Levy Lid Lift



Official Ballot Title:

The Board of Fire Commissioners of Thurston County Fire Protection District No. 12 adopted Resolution No. 2004-004, concerning a proposition to increase the regular property tax rate. This proposition would authorize the District to increase its regular property tax levy rate to \$1.10 per one thousand dollars of assessed value to be levied in 2004 and collected in 2005 as provided in Resolution No. 2004-004.

Should this proposition be:

Approved _____ **Rejected** _____

Statement For:

Being fellow taxpayers your elected commissioners, and the management of District 12 work hard to keep the spending of our tax dollars to a minimum. Living in Fire District #12 you now pay some of the lowest fire taxes in Thurston County. Fire District #12 generates 98% of its revenue from a tax levy based on the assessed value of property in our 44 square mile district. Not unlike the rest of Thurston County, our district has seen unusually rapid growth and the 1% limitation established by Initiative 747. The district has been able to maintain current services, but our resources have been stretched to their limit. Because of the rising costs of normal operations and the number of fire and medical emergencies we respond to, the district is struggling to meet the demands with our current budget. The district is asking for a modest increase in our taxes for this levy to help maintain our high standard of service to the community.

The Cost

The current rate is just \$1.01 per thousand assessed value. This is an increase of 9 cents or \$13.50 a year for a home valued at \$150,000.

Please Support This Levy

You have 30 dedicated volunteers who donate their time 24 hours a day responding to your calls for help. Last year we responded to over 600 alarms. Your fire department is asking for your "yes" vote to help maintain the high level services provided.

Voters' Pamphlet Statement prepared by: Steven Whalen

No Statement Against:

No one could be found to write a statement against the Fire District No. 12 - Tenino - Levy Lid Lift.

Explanatory Statement:

This proposition will authorize Thurston County Fire Protection District No. 12 to increase its 2004 property tax levy rate to \$1.10 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation, for collection in 2005. This proposition is presented to provide voters the opportunity to exceed the limitation imposed by Initiative 747, which limits total property tax revenue to 101% of the previous year's revenue, regardless of the authorized dollar rate limitation for a district.

Approval of this proposition would allow the Fire District to meet rising costs of operation, maintenance and capital expenditures needed to provide continued fire protection services.

Passage of this proposition will authorize the Fire District to increase the regular property tax levy rate from \$1.01 to \$1.10, an increase of \$0.09 per \$1,000 assessed valuation, for collection in 2005. Approval of this proposition would allow the Fire District to provide continued fire protection services at its current level of services, programs and resources.

Explanatory Statement prepared by: Gottlieb, Fisher & Andrews, PLLC, bond counsel to the District