

Yelm Fire District Proposition No. 1, Levy Lid Lift

Official Ballot Title:

The Board of Fire Commissioners of Yelm Fire District No. 2 adopted Resolution No. 140, 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 \$1.50 per one thousand dollars of assessed value to be levied in 2005 and collected in 2006 as provided in Resolution No. 140. Should this proposition be :



Approved _____ Rejected _____

Statement For:

Help Us, Help You!!! Restore Fire District Funding . . .

Yelm Fire District generates its revenue from a tax levy based on the assessed value of the property in your district. Due to the 1% limitation on the annual budget established by Initiative 747 in 2002, we are unable to keep up with the rapid growth of the community. We rely on you, the citizens of the district, to support community fire and emergency medical services. There is *no* other funding from any county, state, or federal source.

Adequate Funding is Essential to Maintain Current Emergency Response.

As the population increases, it is vital to ensure the district has adequate staffing to meet the increased fire and emergency medical service responses. We can no longer rely entirely on volunteer staff. Paid firefighters will continue to receive backup from skilled volunteer firefighters. We are *not* talking the “gold” standard of service; we are talking meeting the bare *minimum* standard of service. A restoration of the levy to the legal limit of \$1.50 per one thousand assessed property values would enable us to maintain the current level of service.

Please Vote Yes to Restore Funding For Your Fire District.

By restoring the levy rate to \$1.50 per one thousand dollars assessed property value, a Yelm Fire District taxpayer would see an increase of \$0.25 per one thousand dollar assessed value or approximately \$2.08 a month or \$25.00 a year for a \$100,000 home.

Pro statement prepared by: Citizens for Fire Protection, Eric Hetland, Chair

No Statement Against:

No one could be found to write a statement against the Yelm Fire Protection District No. 2 Proposition No. 1, Levy Lid Lift.

Explanatory Statement:

Yelm Fire District No. 2 has placed a proposition on the November 8, 2005 election ballot to restore the District’s regular real property tax levy to \$1.50 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation. The current District tax levy is \$1.2469. The tax increase is necessary to meet the increased costs of the District’s operations. The District tax levy provides the funding for the maintenance and operation of the District. The increase of approximately \$0.25 cents in the district tax levy rate amounts to a tax increase on a home valued at \$100,000 of approximately \$25.00 per year.

Explanatory statement prepared by: Skip Houser