

Fire Protection District No. 13 - Griffin Proposition No. 1 Levy Lid Lift



Official Ballot Title:

The Board of Fire Commissioners of Thurston County Fire Protection District No. 13 adopted Resolution No. 05-06, 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 \$1.40 per one thousand dollars of assessed value to be levied in 2005 and collected in 2006 as provided in Resolution No. 05-06. Should this proposition be:

Approved _____ Rejected _____

Statement For:

Continue Protecting Your Community

The Griffin Fire District strengthens our community by providing high-quality emergency medical and fire-suppression services, 24 hours a day every day of the year. When you call 9-1-1 at 2a.m., well-trained volunteers are there for you in a matter of minutes.

Only voter support of the partial levy lid lift will allow continuation of the Griffin Community's high level of protection by: Retaining two full-time paid firefighters who provide the bulk of the Fire District's protection while most of the community's residents and volunteers are at work or in school; restoring reserve funds to adequate levels – in recent years, the Department needed its reserve fund to maintain the high quality service that the Community expects; the most recent levy lid lift increase for the District was in 1982; the District is asking for only a partial levy lid lift, yet one that still allows adequate funding; the requested increase of only 39 cents per \$1000 of assessed value means that a home valued at \$200,000 would only pay an additional \$6.50 per month over current rates – less than the price of a movie ticket; in 2007 and subsequent years, an increase in the total assessed value of homes in the District will decrease the levy rate, lowering assessments for the District.

Please support your Fire District by voting yes on our partial levy lid lift.

Pro statement submitted by: Bill Durward, Steve Lundin, Virginia Morris, John Pearce and John Wood.

No Statement Against:

No one could be found to write a statement against the Thurston County Fire Protection District No. 13 - Griffin Proposition No. 1, Levy Lid Lift.

Explanatory Statement:

Thurston County Fire Protection District No. 13, Griffin Fire Department, has placed a proposition on the September 20, 2005 ballot to authorize Thurston County to change our tax levy rate to \$1.40 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation. The proposition is presented to voters pursuant to Initiative 747. Initiative 747 mandates that any increase in property tax revenue to 101% of the previous year's revenue or the previous highest revenue. The statutory authorized dollar rate for junior taxing districts is \$1.50.

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