



Kittitas County Elections Ballot measure submission cover sheet

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district information

Kittitas County Fire District 2

name of district

Sydney McBride-District Secretary

district contact person and title

509.933.7231

phone

palmerro@kvfr.org

email

election information

August 4th, 2026

election date

Single Year Permanent Levy Lid Lift

type of measure (levy, bond, advisory vote, etc)

Simple Majority, RCW 84.55.050(1)

pass / fail requirements (simple majority, super majority, 60%, etc), along with the applicable statutory references

contact information for public

This contact person from the district should be able to respond to questions from voters about the ballot measure. This contact information will be provided upon request.

Roy O. Palmer Fire Chief

district contact person and title

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Pro Committee:

Against Committee

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Name

name

Contact

Contact

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KITTITAS VALLEY FIRE RESCUE

RESOLUTION NO. 26-06

**RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION OF A LEVY LID LIFT
(Primary Election)**

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF KITTITAS VALLEY FIRE RESCUE, PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE DISTRICT AT A SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD WITHIN THE DISTRICT ON AUGUST 4, 2026, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE STATE PRIMARY ELECTION TO BE HELD ON THE SAME DATE, OF A PROPOSITION AUTHORIZING THE DISTRICT TO RESTORE ITS REGULAR PROPERTY TAX LEVY TO \$1.50 PER \$1,000.00 OF TRUE AND ASSESSED VALUATION SUBJECT TO OTHERWISE APPLICABLE STATUTORY LIMITATIONS.

Background: WHEREAS, it is the judgment of the Board of Commissioners of the District that it is essential and necessary for the protection of the health and life of the residents of the District that the fire and emergency medical services be provided by the District.

WHEREAS, The Board of Commissioners 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 the District's regular tax revenue levied at the current rate of approximately \$1.35 per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation of taxable property within the District as limited by the 101% limitation, not to exceed 1% maximum increase per year.

WHEREAS, The District has previously collected at the full \$1.50 rate in 2023.

WHEREAS, The Board of Commissioners has determined that it is in the best interest of the District 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 Board of Commissioners of Kittitas Valley Fire Rescue, Kittitas 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 the District, it is necessary for the District 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 the District 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 2026 and collect beginning in 2027, pursuant to RCW 52.16.130, RCW 52.16.140 and RCW 52.16.160, a general tax on taxable

property within the District at a rate of \$1.50 per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation subject to otherwise applicable statutory limits.

Section 3. If approved by the voters, the amount levied in 2026 for collection in 2027, shall serve as the District’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 the District for their ratification or rejection, at a special election on August 4, 2026, 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 the District should be restored to \$1.50 per \$1,000.00 of true and assessed valuation, subject to otherwise applicable statutory limitations. The Board of Commissioners hereby requests the auditor of Kittitas County, as ex-officio Supervisor of Elections, 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: Kittitas Valley Fire Rescue
Proposition #: Proposition No. 1
Short Title: Levy Lid Lift

Ballot Title: The Board of Kittitas Valley Fire Rescue adopted Resolution No.26-06 concerning a proposition to restore its regular property tax levy.

This proposition authorizes the District to restore its regular property tax levy to \$1.50 per \$1,000 of assessed value to be assessed in 2026 and collected in 2027. The funds will maintain and improve fire protection, and emergency medical services, replace apparatus and equipment, and provide for firefighter safety. The dollar amount of the 2026 levy collected in 2027 shall serve as the base for computing subsequent levy limitations as provided by chapter 84.55 RCW.

Should this Proposition be:

Approved.....
Rejected

Section 5. In accordance with RCW 84.55.050(1), the ballot measure requires approval of a simple majority of the voters to pass.

Section 6. 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 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 individual to whom the County Auditor shall provide such notice.

Section 8. The Chief 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 District 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 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 Board of Commissioners of Kittitas Valley Fire Rescue, Kittitas County, WA, at a regular open public meeting of such Board on the 9 day of April, 2026, the following Commissioners being present and voting:


Attest to:


District Secretary




Board Chair


Commissioner


Commissioner


Commissioner

Absent
Commissioner

Election Date: August 4, 2026
Name of Jurisdiction Submitting Measure: Kittitas Valley Fire Rescue
Contact Name: Roy O. Palmer, Fire Chief
Daytime Contact Phone Number: 509-933-7235

Explanatory Statement
Proposition No. 1
(200 Word Limit)

Kittitas Valley Fire & Rescue provides emergency fire protection and medical services to its citizens. If approved by the voters, this proposition authorizes the district to restore its regular real property tax levy rate to \$1.50 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation in 2026 for collection in 2027 (the current levy is approximately \$1.35 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation and the district previously collected the \$1.50 rate in 2023).

Your Kittitas Valley Fire & Rescue Board of Commissioners has determined that this proposition is necessary to maintain an effective level of services, firefighter staffing, equipment and facilities in light of rising costs and increasing service demands. Approval of this measure will allow your fire district to maintain the level of fire protection and emergency medical services provided to its citizens.

The dollar amount levied in 2026 for collection in 2027 shall serve as the fire district's tax levy base and absent further voter approval, the tax levy will then be subject to the statutory one percent limit.

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