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Chief

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ballot measure information

2025 election date of participation

☐ February 11

☐ April 22

☒ August 5

☐ November 4

Levy

type of measure (levy, bond, etc.)

contact information for publication

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CHELAN COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 6

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-02

**RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION OF FIRE DISTRICT LEVY LID
LIFT**

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CHELAN COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 6, PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE DISTRICT AT A SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD WITHIN THE DISTRICT ON AUGUST 5, 2025, OF A PROPOSITION AUTHORIZING A LEVY OF \$1.40 PER \$1,000.00 OF TRUE AND ASSESSED VALUE AND ESTABLISHING A CPI LIMIT FACTOR SUBJECT TO OTHERWISE APPLICABLE STATUTORY LIMITATIONS FOR THE FOLLOWING FIVE YEARS.

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 fire and emergency medical services be provided by the District.

WHEREAS, The Board of Commissioners has determined that the long-term underfunded state of this fire district and the accelerated demands for, and the increasing costs of, providing these services will necessitate the expenditure of revenues for maintenance, operations and equipment in excess of those which can be provided by the District's regular tax revenue levied at the current rate of \$0.31 per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation of taxable property within the District as limited by the 101% limitation. The district has never in its 70-year history obtained an increased levy rate to support operations.

WHEREAS, The District believes that it is reasonable to adopt a growth factor for years 2-6 of the levy lid lift period designed to allow the District to keep pace with inflation and has identified a rate based on the annual U.S. City average unadjusted, all items index, west city class B/C, for the CPI-W reported each June as an appropriate measure of inflation in Chelan County.

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners has determined that it is in the best interest of the District that the maximum allowable levy in the sixth year of the 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 Chelan County Fire Protection District No. 6, Chelan County, Washington as follows:

Section 1. In order to provide fire protection, prevention and emergency medical services in the District, it is necessary for the District to obtain operate and maintain emergency fire and medical aid vehicles and facilities staffed by properly trained personnel equipped with suitable 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 2025 and collect beginning in 2026, 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 \$1.40 per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation subject to otherwise applicable statutory limits.

Section 3. The District experiences annual cost increases affecting its operations that reflect standard inflationary indices and that consistently exceed the statutory 101% limitation on tax levy increases. In order to provide the revenue adequate to pay the costs of providing emergency fire protection and medical services beyond 2026, the District believes that it is reasonable to adopt a growth factor for years 2-6 of the levy lid lift period designed to allow the District to keep pace with inflation. This growth factor will be the greater of 3% or the percentage change in the consumer price index (CPI) based on the annual U.S. City average unadjusted, all items index, west city class B/C, for the CPI-W reported each June as an appropriate measure of inflation in Chelan County.

Section 4. The District currently levies a regular property tax at the rate of approximately \$0.31 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation. If approved by the voters, the amount levied in 2030 for collection in 2031, 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 5. There shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the District for their ratification or rejection, at a special election on August 5, 2025, the question of whether or not the regular property tax levy of the District should be increased to \$1.40 per \$1,000.00 of true and assessed valuation and be adjusted by the greater of 3% or the annual U.S. City average unadjusted, all items index, west city class B/C, for the CPI-W reported each June for the following five years, subject to otherwise applicable statutory limitations. The Board of Commissioners hereby requests the auditor of Chelan County, as ex-officio Supervisor 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:

**CHELAN COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT No. 6
PROPOSITION NO. 1**

LEVY LIFT FOR FIRE PROTECTION & EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

The Board of Commissioners of Chelan County Fire Protection District No. 6 adopted Resolution No. 2025-02 concerning a proposition to restore its fire protection and emergency medical services property tax levy.

This proposition authorizes the District to establish its property tax levy at \$1.40 per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation in 2025 and authorizes adjustments by the greater of 3% or the annual U.S. City average unadjusted, all items index, west city class B/C, for the CPI-W reported each June for the following five years. The maximum allowable levy established in 2030 shall serve as the base for subsequent levy limitations consistent with chapter 84.55 RCW.

Should this Proposition be:

Approved

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Rejected

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Section 6. In accordance with RCW 84.55.050(1), the ballot measure requires approval of a simple majority of the voters to pass.

Section 7. The Chief, or designee, is hereby directed to deliver a certified copy of the resolution to the Chelan County Auditor, as ex officio Supervisor of Elections for the District, no later than 2nd May 2025.

Section 8. 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 9. The Chief is authorized to approve changes to the ballot title and/or any other text of the resolution, if any, deemed necessary by the Chelan County Auditor or the Chelan County Prosecuting Attorney.

Section 10. If any provision 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. This resolution shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage.

ADOPTED and APPROVED by the Board of Fire Commissioners of Chelan County Fire Protection District No. 6, Chelan County, WA, at a regular open public meeting of such Board on the 9th day of April 2025, the following Commissioners being present and voting:

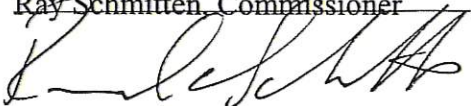
Phil Guthrie, Commissioner Chair



Tim Larson, Commissioner



Ray Schmitten, Commissioner



Election Date: August 5, 2025

Name of Jurisdiction Submitting Measure: Chelan County Fire Protection District No. 6

Contact Name: Andy Lee, Fire Chief

Daytime Contact Phone Number: 509-663-1678

PROPOSITION NO. 1

BALLOT ISSUE EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

(200 Word Limit)

Chelan County Fire Protection District No. 6 provides emergency fire protection and medical services to its citizens. If approved by the voters, this proposition authorizes the District to establish its property tax levy at \$1.40 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation and will allow the District to address inflation by authorizing annual increases by the greater of 3% or the annual U.S. City average unadjusted, all items index, west city class B/C, for the CPI-W reported each June for the following five years subject to the statutory \$1.50 limit. The District's current levy rate is \$.31 per thousand and the district has never in its 70-year history obtained an increased levy rate to support operations. The Board of Commissioners will establish the actual levy rate each year following a public hearing. The amount levied in 2030 for collection in 2031 will serve as the base for computing future one percent increases allowed by the law.

Your Fire District Board of Commissioners has determined that approval of this proposition is necessary to maintain an effective level of fire protection and emergency medical services, fire fighter staffing, equipment and facilities in light of the increasing demands for such services.

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Chelan County Fire Protection District No. 6 recently adopted Resolution No. 2025-02 providing for the submission to the voters on August 5, 2025 a proposition authorizing the District to establish its Fire Protection & EMS levy rate to \$1.40 per thousand of assessed valuation and to authorize annual adjustments by the greater of 3% or CPI for the following five years. The Fire District is accepting names of people interested in participating in voter pamphlet statement pro and con committees.


Citizens interested in participating, please contact Andy Lee, Chief by April 18, 2025 at 509-663-1678. Committee appointments must be submitted to the County by May 2, 2025

CERTIFICATE

I, the undersigned, Chair of the Board of Fire Commissioners of Chelan County Fire Protection District No. 6, Chelan County Washington, hereby certify that the foregoing resolution is a full, true and correct copy of a resolution duly passed and adopted at a regular meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners duly held at a regular meeting place thereof on April 9, 2025, of which meeting all members of such Board had due notice and at which a quorum of the members of the commission were present through the meeting and a majority of those members present voted in the proper manner for the adoption of the resolution.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 9th day of April, 2025

CHELAN COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION
DISTRICT NO. 6, Chelan County, Washington



Phil Guthrie, Commissioner Chair