

# Ballot measure submission cover sheet

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## jurisdiction information

CHELAN COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT #9 D/B/A LAKE WENATCHEE  
name of jurisdiction FIRE AND RESCUE

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## ballot measure information

2025 election date of participation

☐ February 11

☐ April 22

☒ August 5

☐ November 4

BOND

type of measure (levy, bond, etc.)

## contact information for publication

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RESOLUTION NO. 2025-2

A RESOLUTION of the Board of Fire Commissioners of Chelan County Fire Protection District No. 9 (d/b/a Lake Wenatchee Fire & Rescue), Chelan County, Washington, providing for the form of the ballot proposition and specifying certain other details concerning submission to the qualified electors of LWFR at a special election to be held therein on August 5, 2025, of a proposition for the issuance of its unlimited tax general obligation bonds in the aggregate principal amount of not to exceed \$15,000,000, or so much thereof as may be issued under the laws governing the indebtedness of fire protection districts for the purpose of providing funds to construct, acquire, equip, renovate and make certain capital improvements to the facilities of LWFR.

WHEREAS, Chelan County Fire Protection District No. 9 (d/b/a Lake Wenatchee Fire & Rescue), Chelan County, Washington ("LWFR") provides fire prevention, fire protection, rescue, and emergency medical services; and

WHEREAS, the area comprising LWFR is one of the fastest growing areas in the region and the number of emergency response calls and demand for service have increased significantly; and

WHEREAS, Chelan County, along with other parts of Washington State, is experiencing an increase in wildfire risk; and

WHEREAS, as a result of such risk, many business and property owners in the area are facing a property insurance coverage crisis, leading to higher insurance costs and difficulty renewing and/or obtaining coverage; and

WHEREAS, many LWFR fire stations and facilities are over 40 years old and need structural rehabilitation and improvement; and

WHEREAS, improvements to all LWFR's facilities and construction of a modern, central fire station will address and improve LWFR's ability to provide fire, rescue, and emergency medical services, train staff and volunteer firefighters, house apparatus, and house firefighters; and

WHEREAS, staff and volunteer firefighters deserve safe and effective fire stations and facilities to work out of, and the unique isolation of the LWFR community requires a facility that can accommodate an emergency operations center for wildfire defense and public safety; and

WHEREAS, the LWFR Board of Fire Commissioners (the "Board") finds that to keep up with the growth in the community and to provide critical fire prevention, fire protection, rescue, and emergency medical services, including wildfire defense, it is essential and necessary for the protection of the health and life of the residents of LWFR that LWFR construct, acquire, equip, renovate and make certain capital improvements to its facilities as further described herein; and

WHEREAS, in order to provide part of the funds to enable LWFR to construct, acquire, equip, renovate and make such necessary capital improvements, the Board deems it necessary and advisable that LWFR issue and sell its unlimited tax general obligation bonds in the principal amount of not to exceed \$15,000,000 (the "Bonds"); and

WHEREAS, the Constitution and laws of the State of Washington (including RCW 52.16.080 and RCW 84.52.056) provide that the question of whether or not such Bonds may be issued and sold for such purposes and taxes levied to pay such Bonds must be submitted to the qualified electors of LWFR for their ratification or rejection;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS OF CHELAN COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 9 (D/B/A LAKE WENATCHEE FIRE & RESCUE), CHELAN COUNTY, WASHINGTON, as follows:

Section 1. Findings. The Board hereby finds and declares that the best interest of the inhabitants of LWFR require LWFR to carry out the plans hereinafter provided at the time or times and in the order deemed most necessary and advisable by the Board.

Section 2. Capital Improvements. LWFR shall construct, acquire, equip, renovate and make capital improvements to its facilities, including but not limited to the following (the "Projects"):

- Construction of and improvements to fire stations and structures, including shops and training facilities, serving the Plain, Ponderosa, Beaver Valley, Nason Creek, Merritt, Chiwawa river, and Lake Wenatchee communities;
- Construction of and improvements to infrastructure related to LWFR facilities, including water, utilities, and septic systems;
- Construction of a new public safety facility;
- Modernize technology infrastructure for fire prevention, fire protection, emergency response, wildfire mitigation, and basic life support; and
- Other capital improvements to LWFR facilities for fire prevention, fire protection, rescue, and emergency medical services, including wildfire defense.

The cost of all necessary design, architectural, engineering, and other consulting services, inspection and testing, administrative and relocation expenses, on and off-site utilities, site acquisition, related improvements and other costs incurred in connection with the making of the foregoing capital improvements shall be deemed a part of the costs of such Projects. Such Projects shall be complete with all necessary furniture, equipment and appurtenances.

If available funds are sufficient from the proceeds of Bonds authorized for the above purposes, and state or local circumstances require, LWFR shall use such funds to pay the principal of or interest on the Bonds or acquire, construct, equip and make other capital improvements to the facilities of LWFR, all as the Board may determine, after holding a public hearing thereon.

LWFR shall determine the application of available moneys as between the various Projects set forth above so as to accomplish, as nearly as may be, all of the Projects described or provided for in this section. LWFR shall determine the exact extent and specifications for construction of structures or other improvements.

If the Board shall determine that it has become impractical to accomplish any of such Projects or portions thereof by reason of state or local circumstances, including changed conditions, incompatible development or costs substantially in excess of those estimated, LWFR shall not be required to accomplish such Projects and may apply the Bond proceeds or any portion thereof to other portions of the Projects, to other capital improvements, or to payment of principal of or interest on the Bonds, as the Board may determine after holding a public hearing.

In the event that the proceeds of the sale of the Bonds, plus any other moneys of LWFR legally available, are insufficient to accomplish all of the Projects provided by this section, LWFR shall use the available funds for paying the cost of those Projects for which the Bonds were approved deemed by the Board most necessary and in the best interest of LWFR.

Section 3. Authorization of Bonds. For the purpose of providing part of the funds necessary to pay the cost of the Projects described in Section 2 hereof and/or to reimburse LWFR for such costs to the extent that LWFR funds have been used for such purposes, together with incidental costs and costs related to the sale and issuance of the Bonds, LWFR shall issue and sell its unlimited tax general obligation bonds in one or more series in the aggregate principal amount of not to exceed \$15,000,000. The balance of the cost of such Projects shall be paid out of any moneys which LWFR now has or may later have on hand which are legally available for such purposes. None of the Bond proceeds shall be used for the replacement of equipment or for other than a capital purpose. Such Bonds shall be issued in an amount not exceeding the amount

approved by the qualified electors of LWFR as required by the Constitution and laws of the State of Washington (the "State") or exceeding the amount permitted by the Constitution and laws of the State.

**Section 4. Details of Bonds.** The Bonds provided for in Section 3 hereof shall be sold and issued in such amounts and at such time or times as deemed necessary and advisable by this Board and as permitted by law, shall bear interest at a rate or rates not to exceed the maximum rate permitted by law at the time the Bonds are sold, and shall mature in such amounts and at such times within a maximum term of 20 years from date of issue, but may mature at an earlier date or dates, as authorized by this Board and as provided by law. Said Bonds shall be general obligations of LWFR and, unless paid from other sources, both principal thereof and interest thereon shall be payable out of annual tax levies to be made upon all the taxable property within LWFR without limitation as to rate or amount and in excess of any constitutional or statutory tax limitations. The exact date, form, terms, series, and maturities of said Bonds shall be as hereafter fixed by resolution of the Board. After voter approval of the bond proposition and in anticipation of the issuance of such Bonds, LWFR may issue short term obligations as authorized and provided by chapter 39.50 RCW. The proceeds of the Bonds may be used to redeem and retire such short term obligations or to reimburse LWFR for expenditures previously made for such Projects.

**Section 5. Bond Election.** It is hereby found and declared that the best interests of LWFR requires the submission to the qualified electors of LWFR of the proposition of whether LWFR shall issue the Bonds at a special election to be held on August 5, 2025. The Chelan County Auditor, as *ex officio* Supervisor of Elections in Chelan County, is hereby requested to call and conduct the special election to be held within LWFR and to submit to the qualified electors of LWFR the proposition set forth below.

The Secretary of the Board is hereby authorized and directed to certify the proposition to said officials in the following form:

**CHELAN COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 9**

**(D/B/A LAKE WENATCHEE FIRE & RESCUE)**

**PROPOSITION NO. 1**

**FIRE STATION, EMERGENCY RESPONSE, AND**

**FIREFIGHTER SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS**

**GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS- \$15,000,000**

The Board of Commissioners of Chelan County Fire Protection District No. 9 (d/b/a Lake Wenatchee Fire & Rescue), Chelan County, Washington, adopted Resolution No. 2025-2 concerning bonds for fire stations and facilities, equipment, and wildfire mitigation. To provide increased fire prevention and protection, emergency medical services, and wildfire defense, this proposition authorizes LWFR to construct and improve fire stations and structures, including shops, training facilities, and a new public safety facility; upgrade and acquire firefighter equipment; modernize technology infrastructure for emergency response; issue \$15,000,000 of general obligation bonds maturing within a maximum of 20 years; levy annual excess property taxes to repay the bonds, as provided in Resolution No. 2025-2.

Should Proposition No. 1 be:

**APPROVED?.....**

**REJECTED?.....**

The Secretary of the Board is hereby authorized to deliver a certified copy of this resolution to the Director of Chelan County Auditor. The Board further authorizes Pacifica Law Group LLP, as bond counsel to LWFR, after consultation with LWFR staff, to approve changes to the ballot title, if any, deemed necessary by the Chelan County Auditor or the Chelan County Prosecuting Attorney, and authorizes other individuals to perform such other duties as are necessary or required by law to submit the proposition to the voters. All actions of LWFR or its staff or officers taken prior to the effective date of this resolution and consistent with the objectives and terms of this resolution are ratified and confirmed.

Certification of this proposition by the Secretary to the Chelan County Auditor, in accordance with law, prior to the date of such election, and any other acts consistent with the authority, and prior to the effective date, of this resolution, are hereby ratified.

Section 6. Voter's Pamphlet. The Board hereby authorizes LWFR's participation in the local voters' pamphlet for the August 5, 2025 election and requests that Chelan County Auditor prepare and publish a voter's pamphlet for this proposition. The pamphlet shall include, if applicable, an explanatory statement and statements in favor of and in opposition to the ballot title. The preparation of the explanatory statement, the appointment of pro/con committees and the preparation of statements in favor of and in opposition to the ballot title shall be in accordance with chapter 29A.32 RCW and the rules and guidelines of Chelan County, as applicable. LWFR understands and agrees that it will be required to pay its proportionate share of the expenses of the voters' pamphlet.

Section 7. Severability. In the event that any provision of this resolution shall be held to be invalid, such invalidity shall not affect or invalidate any other provision of this resolution or the Bonds, but they shall be construed and enforced as if such invalid provision had not been contained herein; provided, however, that any provision which shall for any reason be held by reason of its extent to be invalid shall be deemed to be in effect to the extent permitted by law.

Section 8. Effective Date. This resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

Adopted by the Board of Fire Commissioners of Chelan County Fire Protection District No. 9 (d/b/a Lake Wenatchee Fire & Rescue), Chelan County, Washington at a special meeting held this 23rd day of April, 2025.

CHELAN COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION  
DISTRICT NO. 9 (D/B/A LAKE  
WENATCHEE FIRE & RESCUE),  
CHELAN COUNTY, WASHINGTON



Chair and Fire Commissioner



Vice Chair and Fire Commissioner



Fire Commissioner

ATTEST



Secretary, Board of Fire Commissioners