

Pacific County Fire District #1

2024 Fire Levy Lid Lift

Information Sheet

This fact sheet was designed to provide residents of Pacific County Fire District #1's service area with information about the upcoming fire levy lid-lift measure on the August 6, 2024.

Q: What is a lid-lift?

A: A taxing jurisdiction that is collecting less than its maximum statutory levy rate may ask a simple majority of voters to "lift" the total levy amount collected from current assessed valuation by more than 1%. The maximum statutory levy rate for fire districts in Washington State is \$1.50 per \$1,000 assessed valuation.

Q: What is the current levy rate that the Fire District is collecting?

A: Pacific Fire District's general levy rate for 2024 is approximately \$0.85 per \$1,000 assessed valuation.

Q: What levy rate is Pacific County Fire District #1 asking voters to "lift" to?

A: Pacific County Fire District #1 is asking voters to "lift" the lid to \$1.15 per \$1,000 assessed valuation.

Q: How much will the levy lid lift cost me as a property owner?

A: The levy lid lift to \$1.15 per \$1,000 assessed valuation will cost a property owner approximately \$10 more per month on an assessed property valuation of \$400,000.

Q: Why is lid lift needed?

A: Pacific County Fire District #1's call volume has increased by approximately 20% since 2018. Since 2018, Pacific County Fire District #1 has increased staffing by 1 additional firefighter per shift. However, increasing call volume, population growth, and increased building have increased vulnerabilities in our ability to maintain response times and levels.

Q: What would be funded by the passage of this measure?

A: The funds received through this levy would support:

- Four additional Firefighter/EMT/Paramedics
- Equipment and resources to support a third staffed station (Surfside)
- Strategically situated staffing that will improve response times and resiliency throughout the entire District
- Maintenance and possibly improvement of the Fire District's Class 5 insurance rating

Q: When is the election?

A: The election will be on August 6, 2024. Ballots from the county elections office will arrive in the voter's mailboxes approximately two - three weeks prior to the election.

If you have any questions or would like additional information about the fire levy lid lift: contact Fire Chief Jacob Brundage; brundage@pcfd1.org; (360)665-4451; 26110 Ridge Avenue, Ocean Park.