



**ASOTIN COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT 1**

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# Questions about the fire levy lid lift?



# We have the answers...

## **What is on my November election ballot?**

Asotin County Fire District 1 is asking voters to return the fire levy to \$1.06 per \$1,000 of assessed property value—the same rate it was in 1995.

## **Why is my fire district asking for this?**

Our service area is growing and call volumes have been steadily increasing (13% since 2011). We need adequate facilities, apparatus and personnel to meet the increased demand for emergency services. These projects are necessary to save lives, but also to maintain our insurance rating which impacts premiums paid by homeowners.

## **What is the maximum levy rate for a fire district?**

The maximum rate a fire district is allowed to ask for in Washington State is \$1.50 per \$1,000 of assessed property value.

## **What is the additional amount property owners would pay?**

The current fire levy rate is \$0.72 per \$1,000 of assessed property value. The fire levy lid lift would be 34 cents more per \$1,000 AV. This chart identifies the additional amount a homeowner would pay based on the assessed value of their property:

<b>Assessed Property Value (AV)</b>	<b>Amount Per Year</b>	<b>Amount Per Month</b>
\$100,000	\$34	\$2.83
\$200,000	\$68	\$5.67
\$300,000	\$102	\$8.50
\$400,000	\$136	\$11.33
\$500,000	\$170	\$14.17

## **What will it fund?**

A portion of the lid lift would be used to finish the station project that will accommodate our volunteers, apparatus and equipment for the next 50 years. Also, the fire district would pay cash to replace aging apparatus that is approaching the end of its usable life before it becomes unreliable, which costs less than financing these purchases.

## **When is the last time voters approved a fire levy lid lift?**

Fire District 1 formed in 1951, and has never asked voters to increase the fire levy in its history.

## **Where can I find more information?**

More information about the lid lift can be found on our website at [www.acfd1.org](http://www.acfd1.org). Chief Noel Hardin is also available to answer questions at [nhardin@acfd1.org](mailto:nhardin@acfd1.org) or (509) 758-5181.

*Thank you for taking the time to read our information!*