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Questions about our EMS levy renewal?



We have answers.

What's on my August 2nd Primary Election Ballot?

Asotin County Fire District 1 is asking voters to renew the levy for Emergency Medical Service (EMS) and to remove the expiration date.

Why is my fire district asking for this?

Fire District 1 is the only fire district in the county to guarantee a fire and EMS response 24-hours a day, and EMS is the emergency service that our community uses most. In 2015, we responded to 2,626 calls for help – 90% of which were EMS-related. And, EMS calls have increased almost 38% since voters approved funding for the program in 2011.

How much is the EMS levy renewal?

The EMS levy would continue funding at 50 cents per \$1,000 of assessed property value. That means the owner of a \$200,000 home would continue to pay approximately \$8.33 per month (\$100 per year) for a 24-hour paramedic response.

Assessed Home Value	Cost Per Year	Cost Per Month
\$150,000	\$75	\$6.25
\$200,000	\$100	\$8.33
\$250,000	\$125	\$10.42
\$300,000	\$150	\$12.50
\$350,000	\$175	\$14.58

Estimated amounts have been rounded to the nearest cent.

Can this levy increase?

No, the limit allowed by law for an EMS levy is 50 cents per \$1,000 of assessed property value.

Is this a new tax?

No, voters approved an EMS levy in 2011. This would replace the levy that is expiring.

What does the EMS levy provide?

The levy is dedicated to providing EMS services including Basic Life Support with firefighters and emergency medical technicians, and Advanced Life Support with paramedics through a cost-effective partnership with Lewiston. Funding pays for emergency personnel, training and certifications, ambulances, maintenance, medical equipment, first aid supplies, and equipment replacement.

Why remove the expiration date?

This would stabilize funding for our most widely-used emergency service and save money on elections, which can cost as much as \$25,000 every time we need to be on the ballot. This money would better serve our community by funding life-saving equipment or emergency personnel.

Where can I find more information?

Additional information can be found on our web site at www.acfd1.org. Chief Noel Hardin is also available to answer questions at (509) 758-5181 or nhardin@acfd1.org.

Thank you for reading our information!

