Spokane County Resolution Cover Sheet

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Name of District: Town of Rockford
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Date of Election: November 2, 2021
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Type of Election (levy, bond, lid lift, etc.): Levy

Please state the pass/fail requirement for this measure (i.e. simple majority, 60%, etc.) as determined by your legal counsel, together with applicable statutory references: Sec 4.55.050

Signature: [Signature]
Date: 11/30/2021
of person filing this form

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TOWN OF ROCKFORD
RESOLUTION 21-07


WHEREAS, it is the judgment of the Town Council of the Town of Rockford that it is essential and necessary for the protection of the health and life of the residents of the Town that the fire and emergency medical services be provided by the Town, and

WHEREAS, The Town Council has determined that the accelerated demands for, and increasing costs of, providing services will necessitate the expenditure of revenues for improved capital facilities, firefighter safety, maintenance and operations that can be funded through the Town’s available tax resources, and

WHEREAS, The Town is authorized by RCW 84.52.052 to submit a ballot proposal to the Town’s voters regarding the question of whether the Town should levy such taxes.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Council of the Town of Rockford, Spokane County, Washington as follows:

Section 1. It is necessary for the Town to operate and maintain emergency fire service vehicles, to acquire and improve station and other capital facilities and to retain properly trained personnel equipped with proper firefighting equipment.

Section 2. In order to provide the revenue adequate to pay the costs of maintaining and providing the funds raised under this levy shall not supplant existing funds used for the purposes described in Section 1.

Section 3. As the Town of Rockford held a public hearing to notify residents of the proposed fire levy, the Town Council does hereby approve placing, on the November 2, 2021 ballot, an excess levy to contribute to funding General Fire Department Expenses. The ballot title shall read as follows:

Name of Jurisdiction: Town of Rockford
Proposition #: Proposition No. 1
Short Title: Property Tax Levy for Fire Protection
Ballot Title: The Rockford Town Council accepted Resolution 21-07 concerning a proposition to finance 2022 fire protection services. This proposition would authorize the Town to levy an excess property tax in 2022 on all taxable property within the Town of Rockford at an approximate rate of $.51 per $1,000 of assessed value to raise $21,995 to be used to provide adequate services in 2022. This levy replaces an expiring levy, which the Town has collected in past years. Should this proposition be:

Approved ________
Rejected ________
Section 4. Pursuant to RCW 84.55.050(1), the measure requires a simple majority vote to be approved.

Section 5. Town Council hereby assigns to the Clerk/Treasurer, or designee, the task of appointing members to a committee to advocate voters’ approval of the proposition and to a committee to prepare arguments advocating voters’ rejection of the proposition.

Section 6. The Clerk/Treasurer, or designee, is authorized to implement such administrative procedures as may be necessary to carry out the directives of this resolution, including modifying the text of the ballot title and any other text, language and/or descriptions relative thereto necessary to conform such ballot title, text, language and/or descriptions to the intent of the parties, consistent with the objectives of this resolution.

Section 5. If any section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase 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 6. Any act consistent with the authority and prior to the effective date of this resolution is hereby ratified and affirmed.

Section 7. This resolution shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage.

APPROVED by the Town Council of the Town of Rockford, Washington in regular session on July 7, 2021.

Carrie Roecks, Mayor

Attest:

Heidi Johnson, Clerk/Treasurer

Approved as to form:

Eric Hanson, Town Attorney
Election Date: November 2, 2021
Name of Jurisdiction Submitting Measure: Town of Rockford
Contact Name: Heidi Johnson, Clerk/Treasurer
Contact Phone Number: (509) 235-6645

Explanatory Statement:

The Town of Rockford’s fire department provides emergency fire protection and medical services to its residents. If approved by the voters, this proposition will authorize the Town to retain its existing regular real property tax levy rate of $.51 per $1,000 assess valuation in 2022.

The Town Council has determined that this proposition is necessary to maintain an effective level of services, fire fighter staffing, equipment and facilities considering rising costs. Approval of this measure will allow the Town to maintain the level of fire protection provided to its residents.