BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF SPOKANE COUNTY, WASHINGTON

IN THE MATTER OF CALLING FOR AN
ELECTION WHEREIN THE ELECTORS
WITHIN THE TOWN OF FAIRFIELD AND
THE ELECTORS WITHIN SPOKANE
COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
NO. 2 VOTE ON WHETHER THE TOWN
OF FAIRFIELD SHOULD BE ANNEXED
INTO AND REMAIN A PART OF
SPOKANE COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT NO.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of RCW 36.32.120(6), the Board of County
Commissioners of Spokane County, Washington ("Board") has the care of county property and the
management of county funds and business; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of Ordinance No. 402 passed by the Town Council
of the Town of Fairfield on October 17, 2023 and Resolution No.1-2023 passed by the Board of
Spokane County Fire Protection District No. 2 on September 18, 2023 both public bodies
determined to place before the electors within the Town of Fairfield and Spokane County Fire
Protection District No. 2, respectively, whether the Town of Fairfield should be annexed into
Spokane County Fire Protection District No. 2; and

WHEREAS, RCW 52.04.071 provides that subsequent to receipt by the Board of action
by the Town of Fairfield and Spokane County Fire Protection District No. 2 with regards to the
Town of Fairfield's request to annex into and remain a part of Spokane County Fire Protection
District No. 2, the Board shall call a special election, to be held in the Town of Fairfield and in
Spokane County Fire Protection District No. 2 at the next date provided for in RCW 29A.04.321,
but not less than 60-days from the date of declaration of the finding, and shall cause notice of
election to be given as provided for in RCW 29A.52.355; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of RCW 52.04.071 and provisions of Ordinance
No. 402, passed by the Town of Fairfield on October 17, 2023, and Resolution No.1-2023 passed
by the Board of Commissioners of Spokane County Fire Protection District No. 2 on September
18, 2023, the Board calls for a Special Election to be held on February 13, 2024, at which time an
election will be held on whether the Town of Fairfield should be annexed into and remain a part
of Spokane County Fire Protection District No. 2.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of
Spokane County, Washington, pursuant to the provisions of RCW 52.04.071, that a special
election shall be held on February 13, 2024, wherein the ballot proposition as set forth in

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Attachment "A", attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference shall be submitted to the electors within the Town of Fairfield and the electors within Spokane County Fire Protection District No. 2. The Spokane County Auditor shall provide notice of such election as required by state law and shall conduct such election in accordance with the general laws of the State of Washington. The Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners is hereby directed to provide the copy of this Resolution to the Spokane County Auditor.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 28th day of November 2023.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF SPOKANE COUNTY, WASHINGTON

MARY L. KUNEY, CHAIR

JOSH KERNS, VICE-CHAIR

AL FRENCH, COMMISSIONER

AMBER WALDREF, COMMISSIONER

CHRIS JORDAN, COMMISSIONER

ATTEST:

Ginna Vasquez
Clerk of the Board
ATTACHMENT “A”

PROPOSITION NO.1

ANNEXATION OF THE TOWN OF FAIRFIELD INTO SPOKANE COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 2

Shall the Town of Fairfield be annexed to and be a part of Spokane County Fire Protection District No. 2?

Yes ☐
No ☐
SPOKANE COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT NO. 2  
DBA SPOKANE COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT NO. 2  

RESOLUTION NO. _1-2023_  

A RESOLUTION CONCURRING IN THE TOWN OF FAIRFIELD INTENT TO ANNEX INTO THE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT DESIGNATING THE DISTRICT AS SEPA LEAD AGENCY AND REQUESTING THAT THE COUNTY CALL A SPECIAL ELECTION TO PLACE THE MEASURE BEFORE THE VOTERS OF THE DISTRICT AND THE CITY.  

WHEREAS, The Town of Fairfield in Ordinance No. _402_ declared its intention to annex into Spokane County Fire District No.2, and  

WHEREAS, the annexation of the Town of Fairfield into Spokane County Fire District No. 2 would assure that the District will continue to provide fire protection and emergency medical services to the residents of the City and the District in the same manner that it currently provides services; and  

WHEREAS, Spokane County Fire District No. 2 concurs that the annexation of the Town of Fairfield into the District will serve the public interest of the citizens of Spokane County Fire District No. 2 and the citizens of the Town of Fairfield.  

WHEREAS, The Board of Commissioners have reviewed and studied the proposal and have considered the Environmental Checklist prepared by the Chief of the District in consultation with District legal counsel.  

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Spokane County Fire District No. 2 as follows:  

Section 1. The Board of Commissioners concurs in the annexation of the Town of Fairfield into Spokane County Fire District No. 2.  

Section 2. The Board of Commissioner's declare itself lead agency for SEPA review; find that such merger will not significantly affect the environment; and, therefore, hereby authorize the Chief to issue a final Declaration of Nonsignificance.
Section 3. The Board of Commissioners requests that the Spokane County Council adopt a Resolution as required by RCW 52.04.171 and call for special election to be held on Tuesday, February 13th, 2024 in the Fire Protection District and the Town of Fairfield and submit to the voters at such election a ballot proposition in substantially the following form:

PROPOSITION NO.

ANNEXATION OF CITY OF TOWN OF FAIRFIELD INTO SPOKANE COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT 2.

Shall the Town of Fairfield be annexed to and become a part of Spokane County Fire District No. 2.

Yes ☐

No ☐

Section 3. The Chief or the District Secretary is hereby authorized and directed to notify the Spokane County Council of the above stated intention by providing a copy of this Resolution and to request that the County Council adopt a resolution calling for an election.

Section 4. The Chief or designee is authorized to implement such administrative procedures as may be necessary to carry out the directives of this resolution.

ADOPTED at an open public meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Spokane County Fire Protection District No. 2 on SEPTEMBER 15, 2023.

[Signatures]

Commissioner - Primmer

Commissioner - DeGon

Commissioner - Braun

Secretary - Reinhardt
TOWN OF FAIRFIELD ORDINANCE NO. 402

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF FAIRFIELD, SPOKANE COUNTY, WASHINGTON, STATING THE INTENT OF THE TOWN OF FAIRFIELD TO ANNEX INTO SPOKANE COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 2 IN ACCORDANCE WITH RCW 52.04.061 THROUGH .131 TO PROVIDE FOR FIRE PREVENTION, FIRE SUPPRESSION, AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WITHIN THE TOWN.

WHEREAS, The Town Council of the TOWN OF FAIRFIELD finds that it is essential and necessary for the protection of the health, life and property of the residents of the town and that it is in the public interest of the residents of the town that the town annex to and become part of Spokane County Fire Protection District No.2 in accordance with RCW 52.04.061 through .131, and

WHEREAS, The Town qualifies to annex into Spokane County Fire Protection District No. 2 since the Town is in reasonable proximity to District and the Town presently has a population of less than 300,000 persons, and

WHEREAS, The TOWN OF FAIRFIELD presently contracts Fire and EMS services with Spokane County Fire District #2.

THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF FAIRFIELD DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. It is hereby declared to be the intent of the Town Council as legislative authority of the Town to annex into Spokane County Fire Protection District No. 2 in accordance with RCW 52.04.061 through .131, and

Section 2. The Town Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to notify the Board of Commissioners of Spokane County Fire Protection No. 2 of its above stated intention and to request its concurrence in the annexation.

Section 3. If the Board of Spokane County Fire Protection District No. 2 shall concur in the proposed annexation of the TOWN OF FAIRFIELD, the Town Clerk and the Clerk of the Board shall request the Spokane County Council per RCW 52.04.061 and RCW 52.04.071 to be placed on the February 13, 2024 Special Election ballot for the Fire Protection District and the Town of Fairfield and submit to the voters at such election a ballot proposition in substantially the following form:

PROPOSITION NO. _______

ANNEXATION OF TOWN OF FAIRFIELD INTO SPOKANE COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT 2.

Shall the TOWN OF FAIRFIELD be annexed to and become a part of Spokane County Fire Protection District No. 2.

Yes ☐
No ☐
Section 2. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect five (days) after passage, approval and publication according to law.

PASSED BY the Town Council of the Town of Fairfield this 17th day of October and signed in authentication thereof this 17th day of October, 2023.

By: Valmier Rogers
   Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

By: ____________________________
    Town Attorney

ATTEST:

By: ____________________________
    Town Clerk
Submit to Clerk of the Board with available supporting materials (Resolutions, Agreements, Presentations, etc.)

AGENDA SHEET

SUBMITTING DEPARTMENT: Commissioners

CONTACT PERSON: James Emacio

PHONE NUMBER: 509-477-2124

CHECK TYPE OF MEETING BELOW:

☒ Regular Legislative Session Agenda

BELOW FOR CLERK'S USE ONLY:

Clerk's Resolution No. 23-0713
Approved: Majority/Unanimous
Denied: Majority/Unanimous
Renews/Amends No.
Public Works No.
Purchasing Dept. No.

AGENDA TITLE (please provide a reasonably descriptive agenda title for this item): In the matter of calling for an election wherein the electors within the Town of Fairfield and the electors within Spokane County Fire Protection District No. 2 vote on whether the Town of Fairfield should be annexed into and remain a part of Spokane County Fire District No 2 (set election date of February 13, 2024).

DESCRIPTIVE SUMMARY (please provide anticipated fiscal and budgetary information & reason for request): State Law authorizes towns to obtain fire protection services from fire districts. The law requires the town to pass an ordinance indicating a desire to become part of a fire district and the fire district to pass a resolution agreeing to the town's ordinance. If both entities agree, the law requires the Board of County Commissioners to set an election date where the voters within the town and voters within the fire district will cast votes on the matter. A majority vote by the voters within the town and a majority vote by voters within the fire district will cause the town to be annexed into the boundaries of the fire district for fire protection purposes. The Board of County Commissioners is setting an election date for February 13, 2024.

FISCAL IMPACT (please provide anticipated fiscal and budgetary impact, with amount and source of funds, if applicable): N/A

REQUESTED BOARD ACTION (if any): Approve resolution setting election date for Town of Fairfield to annex into Fire Protection District #2 for fire protection services on February 13, 2024.

Other County Departments Impacted - List any other departments that were notified in advance of this agenda item: N/A

This Item will need to be codified in the Spokane County Code: No
Explanatory Statement

The Town of Fairfield voters and the voters of Fire District No. 2 will determine by a vote of the majority to approve the annexation into Fire District No. 2.