

SNOQUALMIE PASS FIRE & RESCUE
RESOLUTION NO. 2018-07

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF SNOQUALMIE PASS FIRE & RESCUE, PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE DISTRICT AT THE GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD WITHIN THE DISTRICT ON NOVEMBER 6, 2018 IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE STATE GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON THE SAME DATE OF A PROPOSITION AUTHORIZING AN INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FROM THREE (3) TO FIVE (5).

Background: WHEREAS, The voters approved the merger of Kittitas County Fire Protection District No. 8 into Snoqualmie Pass Fire & Rescue in 2017; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the merger, the Board of Commissioners of Snoqualmie Pass Fire & Rescue presently consists of six (6) commissioners; and

WHEREAS, the number of commissioners will be reduced to three (3) unless the voters authorize an increase to five; and

WHEREAS, RCW 52.14.015 authorizes the increase of the members of the Board of Commissioners of a fire protection district from three (3) to five (5) in the event such increase would be in the best interest of the District; and

WHEREAS, it is the opinion of the present members of the Board of Commissioners that establishing a five member board by increasing the permissible size of the Board from three (3) to five (5) commissioners would provide better representation of the citizens in the area on the Board of Commissioners of the District; and

WHEREAS, it is the opinion of the Board of Commissioner that it would be in the best interests of the District to increase the number of commissioners from three (3) to five (5) and that such a proposal should be presented to the voters of the District;

Resolution: NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Snoqualmie Pass Fire & Rescue as follows:

Section 1. There shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the district for their ratification or rejection, at the general election on November 6, 2018, in conjunction with the state general election to be held on the same date, the question of whether or not the Board of Commissioners of Snoqualmie Pass Fire & Rescue shall be increased from three (3) to five (5) members. The Board of Commissioners hereby requests that the Auditors of King and Kittitas County, as ex-officio Supervisor of Elections, call such special election, and to submit the following proposition at such election, in the form of a ballot titled substantially as follows:

PROPOSITION

Snoqualmie Pass Fire & Rescue

Shall the Board of Commissioners of Snoqualmie Pass Fire & Rescue be increased from three (3) to five (5) members?

Yes _____

No _____

Section 2. In accordance with RCW 52.14.015, the ballot measure shall require approval of a simple majority of voters.

Section 3. The Board hereby assigns to the Fire Chief 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 4. For purposes of receiving notice of any matters related to the ballot title, as provided in RCW 29A.36.080, the Board hereby designates the Fire Chief and legal counsel as the individuals to whom the County Auditor shall provide such notice.

Section 5. The Chief 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 6. The Chief, or designee, is hereby authorized and directed, no later than August 7, 2018 to provide to the Auditors of King and Kittitas County, as ex-officio Supervisor of Elections, a certified copy of this resolution and the proper District officials are authorized to perform such other duties or take such other actions as are necessary or required by law to the end that the proposition described in this resolution appear on the ballot before the voters at the November 6, 2018 election.

Section 7. 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 8. Any act consistent with the authority and prior to the effective date of this resolution is hereby ratified and affirmed.

Section 9. This resolution shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage.

Adoption: ADOPTED by the Board of Commissioners of Snoqualmie Pass Fire & Rescue, at a regular open public meeting of such Board on the 26th day of

July, 2018 the following Commissioners being present and voting for the resolution:

William J. Meyer
Commissioner

Heath J. Dean
Commissioner

Mark D. Hill
Commissioner

Ben Campbell
Commissioner

Mark G. King
Commissioner

[Signature]
Secretary

Election Date: November 6, 2018

Name of Jurisdiction Submitting Measure: Snoqualmie Pass Fire & Rescue

Contact Name: Chief Jay Wiseman

Daytime Contact Phone Number: 425-434-6333

PROPOSITION NO. 1

(Increase of Commissioner Positions from Three to Five)

BALLOT ISSUE EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

As a result of the merger of Kittitas County Fire Protection District No. 8 into Snoqualmie Pass Fire & Rescue in 2017 the Board of Commissioners of Snoqualmie Pass Fire & Rescue presently consists of six (6) commissioners. Under state law the number of commissioners will gradually be reduced to three (3) unless the voters authorize an increase to five.

If the voters approve this Proposition, the Board of Commissioners of T Snoqualmie Pass Fire & Rescue will consist of five commissioners each of whom will serve six-year terms.

Maintaining the size of the Board of Commissioners with five members will allow for increased citizen representation, greater public participation and will allow for more effective governance under the Open Public Meetings Act.

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Snoqualmie Pass Fire & Rescue recently adopted Resolution No. 2018-07 providing for the submission to the voters on November 6, 2018 a proposition authorizing an increase in the size of the Board of Commissioners from 3 members to 5 members. The Fire District is accepting names of people interested in participating in voter pamphlet statement pro and con committees.

Citizens interested in participating, please call Jay Wiseman at 425-434-6333 by August 6, 2018.