

WHEN AN EMERGENCY HAPPENS WE ANSWER YOUR CALL

Levy Facts:

- The Maintenance and Operations Levy currently in place will end in 2022
- A proposition to replace the current Levy ending in 2022 will be placed on the August 2nd Primary Ballot.
- The proposition will fund operational and firefighter/EMT staffing costs for four (4) years 2023-2026.
- The current Levy pays for operating three of the four fire station operated by West Thurston Regional Fire Service Authority.
- The levy rate is approximately \$13.33 per month per 100,000 property value
 - Year 1 = 1.71/1000
 - Year 2 = 1.63/1000
 - Year 3 = 1.55/1000
 - Year 4 = 1.48/1000
- Low income residents can file for exemption through the Thurston County Assessor's Office
- The fire department is funded primarily by the residents and business owners of the district.
- The fire department does not receive any regular federal, state or county funding.
- The Fire Department is currently rated amongst the best of any non-city fire department in the region.
- The fire departments Public Protection Classification (PPC rating) is a 4. A 1 rating is the best that a department can get.

Levy frequently asked questions:

Q: What services will the Levy pay for?

A: The fire department delivers comprehensive emergency medical, rescue, wild land and structural fire suppression services to 25,000 residents in the largest geographical emergency response zone (158 sq. mi.) in the region.

Q: How will the fire department use the revenue from this Levy?

A: The fire department will use the revenue to maintain current staffing and fund 6 additional firefighter/EMT positions and pay for fire station operational costs to prevent closure, maintain response times and avoid system failure.

Q: What will happen if the levy fails?

A: It is estimated that if the levy fails, layoff notices will be issued to approximately half of the fire department personnel on September 30th, 2022.

Q: If layoffs occur will fire stations close?

A: Yes, two of the four fire stations operated by West Thurston will close December 31st, 2022

Q: Will fire station(s) closing have an impact on emergency response times?

A Yes, depending upon where you live the response times are projected to double.

Q: Will the fire department rating be impacted?

A: If the fire department closes fire stations, insurance companies may increase fire insurance premiums. When this occurs depends on when the rating bureau re-evaluates and changes the current fire department rating.

Questions? Call Me.

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