

**SNOHOMISH COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION NO. 5
RESOLUTION NO. 2021-01**

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF SNOHOMISH COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION NO. 5, PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE DISTRICT AT THE ELECTION TO BE HELD WITHIN THE DISTRICT ON AUGUST 3, 2021 IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE PRIMARY 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, 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 Snohomish County Fire Protection No. 5 as follows:

Section 1. There shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the district for their ratification or rejection, at the election on August 3, 2021, in conjunction with the primary election to be held on the same date, the question of whether or not the Board of Commissioners of Snohomish County Fire Protection No. 5 shall be increased from three (3) to five (5) members. The Board of Commissioners hereby requests that the Auditor of Snohomish, 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:

Name of Jurisdiction: Snohomish County Fire Protection District No. 5
Proposition #: Proposition No. 1
Short Title: Increase Size of Board of Commissioners from 3 to 5

Ballot Title: Shall the Board of Commissioners of Snohomish County Fire Protection No. 5 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 of Commissioners finds and declares that it is in the best interest of the District to have information regarding the ballot measure included in the local voters' pamphlet. Furthermore, that the appropriate costs thereof shall be paid for by the District. The Board of Commissioners further authorizes and directs the Fire Chief to seek to appoint members to a committee to advocate voters' approval of the proposition and to a committee to prepare arguments advocating voters' rejection of the proposition and to provide such additional information, to the County Elections department as necessary to that end.

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 May 14, 2021 to provide to the Auditors of Snohomish 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 August 3, 2021 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 Snohomish County Fire Protection No. 5, at an open public meeting of such Board on the 22nd day of March, 2021 the following Commissioners being present and voting for the resolution:

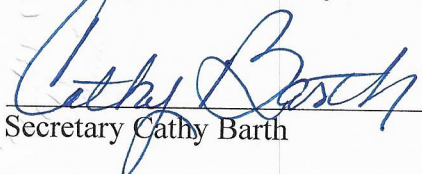


Commissioner Stephen Fox
S.C.C.

Commissioner Kelly Geiger



Commissioner Brian Copple



Secretary Cathy Barth



Ballot Measure Cover Sheet



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Ballot Measure Cover Sheet/Receipt of Resolution

Please complete this form and submit with your resolution by the deadline date. Email is the preferred return method - elections@snoco.org. See the District Guide or call 425-388-3444 for other return methods.

District Information

District Name: _____

Contact Person Name: _____

Contact Phone & email: _____

Election Information

Election Date: August 3, 2021

Type of Measure: Increase Size of Board of Commissioners from 3-5
(e.g., Levy, Bond, Levy Lid Lift, etc.)

Pass/Fail Requirements: Simple Majority, RCW 52.14.015
(e.g., Simple Majority, 60% plus minimum turnout, etc.)

Attorney Information

Name: Brian Snure, Snure Law Office, PSC

Phone & email: 206-824-5630; Brian@snurelaw.com

Have you included:

- Resolution signed by governing body?
- Explanatory Statement (not to exceed 200 words) with a letter from the district's attorney attesting that it was prepared by him/her?
- Pro and Con Committee Appointment Forms?

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Election Date: August 3, 2021
Name of Jurisdiction Submitting Measure: Snohomish County Fire Protection District
No. 5
Contact Name: Chief Merlin Halverson
Daytime Contact Phone Number: 360-793-1179

PROPOSITION NO. 1
(Increase of Commissioner Positions from Three to Five)

BALLOT ISSUE EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

The Board of Commissioners of Snohomish County Fire Protection District No. 5 currently consist of three members. The Board believes that increasing the 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.

If the voters approve this Proposition, the Board of Commissioners Snohomish County Fire Protection District No. 5 will consist of five commissioners each of whom will serve six-year terms.

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