



PROPOSITION NO. 1

August 3, 2021 Primary Election

This is a vote to establish a permanent Fire Benefit Charge (FBC) that may not exceed an amount equal to 60% of the operating budget and prohibits imposing an additional property tax.

Facts You Need to Know

- 1.** Your ballot will arrive in mid-July. **Mail your ballot by August 3, 2021.**
- 2.** The permanent authorization must be approved by 60% of the voters.
- 3.** Puget Sound Fire (PSF) is currently funded through a two-part system using property tax and the Fire Benefit Charge.
- 4.** The Fire Benefit Charge is unique to each property. The fee is based on the size of the structure and the PSF resources required to provide emergency services.
- 5. This is NOT a new tax or fee.** It is a permanent authorization of an existing, voter-approved, two-part funding system.
- 6.** A 9-person board, comprised of elected officials, governs PSF.
- 7.** The Fire Benefit Charge cannot exceed 60% of the operating budget and is currently at 39%.
- 8.** Fire Benefit Charge funds will be used to maintain emergency response times and service levels, personnel training, and necessary equipment and facilities.

Serving the Communities of Kent, SeaTac, Covington, Maple Valley, Fire District 37 and Fire District 43.

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