

Election Date: November 7, 2023

Name of Jurisdiction Submitting Measure: King County Fire Protection District No. 27

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### **Explanatory Statement**

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King County Fire Protection District No. 27 provides emergency fire protection, rescue and emergency medical services to its community.

The maximum regular levy rate for Washington fire districts is \$1.50 per \$1,000 of assessed value. Due to the statutory 1% limitation on property tax increases, the Fire District's current levy rate includes a regular property tax levy of approximately \$.78 per thousand of assessed valuation and a maintenance and operations excess levy of approximately \$.31.

If approved by the voters, this proposition will authorize the District to establish its regular property tax levy rate at \$1.50 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation in 2023 for collection in 2024. The proposition will also allow the District to keep pace with inflation by establishing an annual growth factor based on the greater of 3% or the annual consumer price index identified in the Board's Resolution. At the end of the six-year period, absent further voter approval, the District tax levy rate will be subject to statutory limitations.

If this proposition is approved by the voters, the Board will not levy the final year of the approximately \$.31 per thousand of assessed valuation maintenance and operations levy.

The Board of Commissioners has determined that the tax levy and the revenue it will produce is necessary to maintain the current level of services, fire fighter staffing, equipment and facilities and to purchase updated apparatus to continue to improve services for the protection of life and property in the growing District and to enhance public safety.

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