WOODINVILLE FIRE & RESCUE RESOLUTION NO. 2024-01

2025 FIRE BENEFIT CHARGE

A resolution of the Board of Fire Commissioners of Woodinville Fire & Rescue imposing a fire benefit charge on personal property and improvements to real property within the District for calendar year 2025

RECITALS

WHEREAS, the Board of Fire Commissioners of a fire district may, by resolution, for fire protection district purposes authorize by law, fix and impose a benefit charge on personal property and improvements to real property which are located within the fire protection district on the date specified, and which have or will receive benefits provided by the fire protection district, to be paid by the owners of the property; and

WHEREAS, in 2019, the voters of Woodinville Fire & Rescue (the "District") authorized the imposition of a fire benefit charge for a period of six years, 2020 through 2025; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to RCW 52.18.060(2), a public hearing was held on October 22, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Fire Commissioners (the "Board") of the District has met and considered the District budget for the calendar year 2025; and

WHEREAS, the District's fire benefit charge amount from the previous year was \$5,121,560; and

WHEREAS, at the conclusion of the public hearing on October 22, 2024, and after deliberations held thereafter, the District's Board of Fire Commissioners determined it necessary to impose a fire benefit charge on personal property and improvements to real property within the District for fiscal year 2025.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is resolved by the Board of Fire Commissioners for Woodinville Fire & Rescue:

1. That fire benefit charges take into consideration the insurance savings resulting from the provision of benefits by the District, the amount of fire protection required by the property and the special services provided to the properties by the District.

- 2. That the Board determined that the methodology used to calculate the fire benefit charges reasonably takes into consideration the facts and circumstances of each property for which a fire benefit charge is imposed, and each individual fire benefit charge is reasonably proportioned to the measurable benefits to the property resulting from the services afforded by the District.
- 3. That the amount of the benefit charge to be collected in 2025 is hereby established to not exceed **\$5,513,941**.
- 4. That as part of the 2025 budget adoption, an *increase* in the proposed aggregate fire benefit charge is hereby authorized for 2025 in the amount of \$392,381 which is a percentage *increase* of approximately 7.66 percent over the previous year.
- 5. That the proposed fire benefit charge will be imposed on the affected properties beginning January 1, 2025.
- 6. That the property owners will be notified, in writing, of the amount of the benefit charge to be imposed on their property prior to the implementation of the provisions of RCW 52.18.070 establishing a Fire Benefit Charge Review Board.

ADOPTED AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS OF

WOODINVILLE FIRE & RESCUE THIS 12th DAY OF NOVEMBER 2024.

WOODINVILLE FIRE & RESCUE COUNTY OF KING, WASHINGTON

/s/ Derek van Veen
Derek van Veen, Commissioner, Position 1
/s/ Doug Halbert
Doug Halbert, Commissioner, Position 2
/s/ Anjela Barton
Anjela Barton, Commissioner, Position 3
Absent 11-12-2024
Michael Millman, Commissioner, Position 4

/s/ Roger Collins	
Roger Collins, Commissioner, Position	5

Attest:

Nicole M. Frisch, Board Secretary