



**LAKE STEVENS FIRE
RESOLUTION NO. 2019-04**

**RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION
OF MERGER APPROVAL**

(PRIMARY ELECTION)

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF LAKE STEVENS FIRE, PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE DISTRICT AT THE PRIMARY ELECTION TO BE HELD WITHIN THE DISTRICT ON AUGUST 6, 2019, OF A PROPOSITION AUTHORIZING THE MERGER OF THE DISTRICT INTO SNOHOMISH COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 7.

Background: WHEREAS, The Boards of Commissioners of Lake Stevens Fire and Snohomish County Fire Protection District No. 7 have approved a plan of merger for the two Districts. The Boards of Commissioners believe that it is in the best interests of the two Districts and the citizens they serve to merge and combine their operations into a single fire department.

Resolution: NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Lake Stevens Fire, Snohomish County, Washington as follows:

Section 1. In order to combine the operations of the Districts, the Districts are authorized to merge and become a single District under the provisions of chapter 52.06 RCW.

Section 2. The Board of Commissioners of Lake Stevens Fire petitioned the Board of Commissioners of Snohomish County Fire Protection District No. 7 to merge into District 7 on February 6, 2019.

Section 3. Snohomish County Fire Protection District No. 7 declared itself lead agency for SEPA review, completed and reviewed an environmental checklist and filed a Determination of Nonsignificance with the Department of Ecology on February 19, 2019 and provided proper notice of such action pursuant to WAC 197-11-340(2). Fourteen days have elapsed since the date of filing and notice and no comments were received.

Section 4. Snohomish County Fire Protection District No. 7 adopted Resolution 2019-06 on March 14, 2019 in which it approved the petition for merger; and

Section 5. A Notice of Intention was submitted to the Washington State Boundary Review Board for Snohomish County and approval is expected prior to August 6, 2019. In the event Boundary Review Board approval is delayed, the County shall, upon notification from the Fire Chief on or before May 24, 2019, withdraw this measure from the ballot without further action of the Board.

Section 6. RCW 52.06.030 requires that the question of the merger must be approved by the voters of the merging district at an election in the merging district. Lake Stevens Fire is the merging district.

Section 7. If approved by the voters, the merger shall become effective on a date determined in a concurrent resolution of the Board(s) of Commissioners issued in accordance with RCW 52.06.050 following voter approval.

Section 8. There shall be submitted to the qualified electors of Lake Stevens Fire for their ratification or rejection, at a special election on August 6, 2019, the question of whether Lake Stevens Fire shall merge into Snohomish County Fire Protection District No. 7. The Board of Commissioners hereby requests the auditor of Snohomish County, as ex-officio Supervisor of Elections, call such election, and submit the following proposition at such election, in the form of a ballot title substantially as follows:

PROPOSITION NO. 1

Lake Stevens Fire - Board of Commissioners - Proposition No. 1 Authorizing the Merger of the District into Snohomish County Fire Protection District No. 7.

The proposition will authorize the merger of Lake Stevens Fire into Snohomish County Fire Protection District No. 7, effective on a date determined in a subsequent concurrent resolution of the Board(s) of Commissioners.

Should this Proposition be enacted into law?

Yes

No

Section 9. Pursuant to RCW 52.06.050 the proposition shall require a simple majority vote to pass.

Section 10. 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 as the individual to whom the County Auditor shall provide such notice.

Section 11. 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 12. The Chief, or designee, is hereby authorized and directed, no later than May 10, 2019, to provide to the County Auditor 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 6, 2019 election.

Section 13. The Board of Commissioners shall 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.

Section 14. 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 15. Any act consistent with the authority and prior to the effective date of this resolution is hereby ratified and affirmed.

Section 16. This resolution shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage.

Adoption: ADOPTED by the Board of Commissioners of Lake Stevens Fire, Snohomish County, Washington, at an open public meeting of such Board on the 9th day of April, 2019, the following Commissioners being present and voting:

APPROVED:



Troy Elmore, Chairman



Jim Steinrueck, Vice Chair



Paul Gagnon, Commissioner

ATTEST:



Laana Larson, District Secretary