

**SAN JUAN COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT NO. 3
RESOLUTION NO. 2021-02**

RESTORATION OF PERMANENT LEVY RATE

WHEREAS, the Board of Fire Commissioners (the "Board") of San Juan County Fire District No. 3 (the "District") holds occasional special workshop meetings that are open to the public; and

WHEREAS, future planning for deployment and funding discussions occur during those workshops; and

WHEREAS, the District has never requested the public for a levy increase yet has increased services to meet the expectations of the community; and

WHEREAS, the cost to provide services has increased on an annual basis, and following Initiative 747 in 2001, RCW 84.55 limits of no more than 1% annually has not kept up with inflation; and

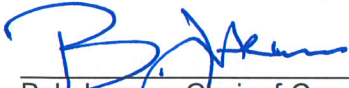
WHEREAS, restoring the permanent levy rate is independent from providing medical transport services, which are under discussion as a separate EMS levy to bring before the public; and

WHEREAS, in order to maintain existing, basic, and essential services a request to the public for a restoration of the permanent levy rate needs to occur.

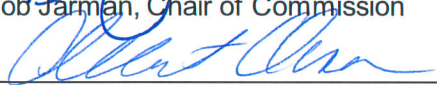
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED as follows:

1. **Support of need for a restoration of permanent levy.** The Board supports the need to restore the permanent levy rate, yet the final amount of the levy amount to request will be determined prior to bring before the public.
2. **Amount of requested levy.** The Board believes the amount of request increase will be between \$0.19 and \$0.23 per \$1,000 assessed valuation.
3. **Request to public.** The Board acknowledges the following plan for presentation to the public:
 - 3.1. Set a workshop date in September 2021 to finalize the levy restoration rate; and
 - 3.2. Include the appropriate RCW 84.55.010 option language for up to CPI-U (Seattle Metroplex) and new construction for long-range sustainability; and
 - 3.3. This restoration of the permanent levy rate is distinctly separate from a future EMS levy; and
 - 3.4. Submit appropriate paperwork to County elections for inclusion on the November 2021 election.

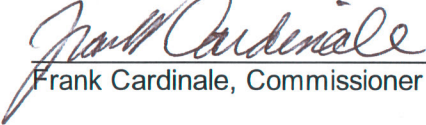
ADOPTION: ADOPTED by the Board of San Juan County RFD #3 Fire Commissioners of San Juan County, Washington at an open public meeting of such Board on the 9th day of March 2021; the following Board Commissioners being present and voting:



Bob Jarman, Chair of Commission

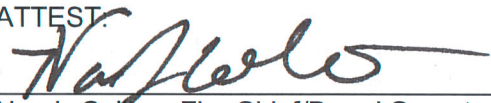


Albert Olson, Vice-Chair of Commission



Frank Cardinale, Commissioner

ATTEST:



Norvin Collins, Fire Chief/Board Secretary