SOUTH MASON FIRE & RESCUE

MASON COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT 4

RESOLUTION NO. 238

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS OF MASON COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 4, PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE FIRE DISTRICT, AT AN ELECTION TO BE HELD WITHIN THE DISTRICT ON FEBRUARY 9, 2027, OF A PROPOSITION AUTHORIZING THE CONTINUED IMPOSITION OF A REGULAR PROPERTY TAX LEVY IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED FIFTY CENTS ($0.50) PER THOUSAND DOLLARS ($1,000.00) OF TRUE AND FAIR ASSESSED VALUATION, FOR EACH OF SIX CONSECUTIVE YEARS, TO BE LEVIED BEGINNING IN 2027 FOR COLLECTION IN 2028 AND CONTINUED THROUGH 2033, TO PROVIDE FUNDS NECESSARY FOR THE PROVISION OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES, INCLUDING COSTS RELATING TO PERSONNEL, TRAINING, EQUIPMENT, SUPPLIES, VEHICLES, AND FACILITIES.

WHEREAS, District voters previously approved the aforementioned EMS levy at a rate of $.50 per $1,000;

WHEREAS, the Board of Fire Commissioners has determined that it is in the best interests of the residents and property owners within the District to renew the EMS levy for an additional six-year period in order to maintain the District's capacity to deliver timely, effective, and professional emergency medical services; and

WHEREAS, the cost of providing EMS services, including personnel, training, equipment, supplies, vehicles, and facilities continues to increase and cannot be met within the limitations of the District's regular levy authority under RCW 84.52.043 and RCW 84.55.010; and

WHEREAS, it is the judgment of the Board of Fire Commissioners that a renewed EMS levy in the amount of fifty cents ($0.50) per $1,000.00 of assessed valuation, for six consecutive years beginning with collection in 2028, is essential and necessary to continue delivering the current level of EMS services within the District;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS OF MASON COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 4, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The Board hereby finds that the best interests of the residents and property owners of the District require the continuation of the EMS levy previously authorized, and that a renewal of such levy in the amount of fifty cents ($0.50) per $1,000.00 of assessed valuation for six consecutive years is necessary and in the public interest.

Section 2. Pursuant to RCW 84.52.069, a proposition shall be submitted to the qualified voters of the District at the special election to be held on February 9, 2027 for the purpose of authorizing the District to impose a regular property tax levy in an amount not to exceed fifty cents ($0.50) per

$1,000.00 of assessed valuation, each year for six consecutive years, beginning with the levy in 2027 for collection in 2028 and continuing through 2033, for the sole purpose of providing emergency medical services.

Section 3. The Mason County Auditor, as ex officio supervisor of elections, is hereby requested to call and conduct said election and to submit to the qualified electors of the District the following proposition in substantially the following form:

PROPOSITION NO. 1

MASON COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 4
RENEWAL OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES LEVY

The Board of Commissioners of Mason County Fire Protection District No. 4 adopted Resolution No. 236 concerning a proposition to continue funding for emergency medical services. This proposition would authorize the District to impose a regular property tax levy of up to $0.50 per $1,000.00 of assessed valuation for each of six consecutive years beginning with the levy in 2027, to be collected in 2028 through 2033, for the purpose of providing emergency medical services.

Should this proposition be approved?

[ ] YES

[ ] NO

Section 4. In accordance with RCW 84.52.069(2), this ballot measure, being a subsequent approval of the previously passed EMS Levy, shall require approval of a simple majority of voters.

Section 5. The Board hereby assigns to the Fire Chief the task of appointing 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 6. 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 District and legal counsel as the individuals to whom the County Auditor shall provide such notice.

Section 7. The District Fire 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, and assisting in the finalization of an explanatory statement, consistent with the objectives of this resolution.

Section 8. The District Secretary is hereby authorized and directed, no later than December 11, 2026, 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 February 9, 2027

Section 9. 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 10. Any act consistent with the authority and prior to the effective date of this resolution is hereby ratified and affirmed.

Section 11. This resolution shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Resolution No. 238 is hereby adopted by motion of the Board of Fire Commissioners of Mason County Fire Protection District No. 4, Mason County, Washington, at a regular open public meeting held on the 18 day of November, 2026.

The following Commissioners being present and voting:

Mason County Fire Protection District No. 4
Board of Fire Commissioners

D. Alan Lubin 11/18/26
Chair, Board of Fire Commissioners

Greg Sypnicki 11/18/26
Commissioner

Curtis W. Bennett 11/18/26
Commissioner

ATTEST:

District Secretary