

LACEY FIRE DISTRICT 3

Proposition 1- Levy Lid Lift

Fast Facts

Lacey Fire District 3 (LFD3), like all fire districts in Washington, is funded predominately by property taxes. Fire districts regular property tax levies are limited to \$1.50/\$1,000 of assessed property valuation (AV).

LFD3 is asking voters in the November 2020 general election for a levy restoration to maintain funding for emergency services. This will restore the levy to its previous level passed by voters in 2014. The request is \$1.50 per \$1,000 of assessed property valuation (AV). The current levy rate is \$1.43 per \$1,000 AV.

Why is LFD3 asking for this? District call volume continues to increase with new development and population growth in Lacey and our surrounding service area. This levy restoration allows for maintaining current levels of service while keeping pace with projected growth. It ensures adequate staffing and apparatus are in place as call volume expands.

What will the levy lid lift fund? The District plans to staff an additional Aid Unit, which will provide quicker response times to medical emergencies in the most rapidly growing parts of our service area.

Will taxes increase? Less than \$2/month on a home valued at \$350,000.

How we compare. LFD3, like all fire districts, relies almost exclusively on property taxes for funding. We receive no revenue from sales tax. We operate at an average of 15-20% lower cost than comparable jurisdictions in the region.

What if the levy doesn't pass? Response times will slow as the product of increased demand without additional staffing. As the community grows, so does the need for emergency response. Without this funding the District will fall behind the standard of service citizens currently rely upon.



Where can I find more information? If you have questions, or would like further information, please call our Headquarters Station 31 at 360-491-2410 or email info@laceyfire.com.