



Levy Facts—November 2, 2021

Chelan Fire and Rescue

What is the fire district levy?

- The levy is the major funding source provided to sustain day-to-day maintenance and operations of the fire district.
- Fire District levies must be approved by voters and cannot exceed \$1.50/\$1,000.00 of assessed property valuation.
- Currently, Chelan Fire & Rescue collects .80/\$1,000.00 which will not sustain the emergency service levels into the future. This is not a new tax.
- Chelan Fire & Rescue is asking the voters of the fire district to increase our current levy rate .30 on November 2, 2021.

Why is my fire district asking for this?

- Annually, fire districts are limited to a 1% increase over prior year revenue. Revenue is not keeping up with the demand for emergency services.
- Staffing levels have been at 2009 levels while call volumes have increased over 20% over the same period.
- Community needs have grown faster than district resources. Currently, Chelan Fire & Rescue protects over \$2.7 billion dollars of assessed property within a 125 square mile service area.
- Chelan Fire & Rescue has a proven record of fiscal responsibility and accountability. We work very hard to maintain the trust of the community we serve by providing the best emergency service response possible.

When was the last time voters approved a fire levy lid lift?

- Voters approved a fire levy lid lift of \$1.50 per \$1,000 assessed valuation in 2006, over 15 years ago.
- Since that time, our annual levy rate has fallen to its current rate of .80 per \$1,000 as property values have increased.

How does our current levy rate compare with other fire districts?

2021	Taxable Valuation	Rate	Total Revenue	Tax/\$250,000
CCFD1—Wenatchee	\$5,528,713,923.00	\$1.38	\$7,653,582.26	\$346.08
CCFD3—Leavenworth	\$1,547,670,352.00	\$0.81	\$1,256,929.72	\$203.04
CCFD5—Manson	\$1,098,767,472.00	\$0.65	\$713,863.12	\$162.42
CCFD6—Monitor	\$996,353,271.00	\$0.49	\$407,053.40	\$102.14
Chelan Fire and Rescue	\$2,760,756,808.00	\$0.80	\$2,204,473.43	\$199.63
CCFD8—Entiat	\$397,006,555.00	\$0.80	\$312,676.89	\$325.84
CCFD9—Lake Wenatchee	\$1,257,908,134.00	\$0.82	\$1,031,484.67	\$205.00

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What does the additional revenue mean to the district?

Approval of this levy will provide for additional staffing (career, stipend, seasonal, and volunteer), allocate revenue annually for current and future fire apparatus, cover projected capital expenditures, and allow the district to maintain the current level of emergency service response, projected out to 2032.

What is the additional amount property owners can expect to pay?

Property Value	Current Rate	New Rate	Monthly Increase
\$250,000	\$199.50	\$275.00	\$6.29
\$350,000	\$279.30	\$385.00	\$8.80
\$450,000	\$359.10	\$495.00	\$11.33
\$500,000	\$399.10	\$550.00	\$12.58
\$650,000	\$518.70	\$715.00	\$16.36

What will happen if the levy lid lift does not pass?

If the levy lid lift fails, we will continue to provide the best service possible within our budget. We will have to reduce staffing levels which will result in increased response times. We will also be unable to replace critical fire apparatus and meet future capital needs necessary to provide for the safety of our community as well as our firefighters. Eventually, the fire district will struggle to provide even basic services. These reductions in service capacity could result in higher insurance protection ratings which, in turn, could lead to higher insurance rates.

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Our mission is to enhance the quality of life and safety of our community by protecting lives and property through emergency response, education and prevention.

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A successful levy will provide continued support and emergency response for a safer community and safer firefighters.

