

# City of Mukilteo

## Proposition 1

### Ballot Title

Levy for Emergency Medical Care and Services

To continue to assist in the funding of the present 24-hour basic life support and advanced life support programs, shall the City of Mukilteo be authorized to levy additional regular property taxes at a rate of up to 50 cents per one thousand dollars of assessed valuation, for collection in 2011 and each and every year thereafter?

### Explanatory Statement

The Mukilteo City Council has determined that it is essential to continue to provide emergency medical care and services, including both basic and advanced life support, 24 hours per day within the City of Mukilteo. The current source of funding for emergency medical services approved by voters in 2004 will expire in 2010. To continue to provide said services, funding from a new stable and reliable source is necessary. After considering several options, the City Council is placing before the voters Proposition No. 1 for an Emergency Medical Service levy as authorized under RCW 84.52.069. Proceeds from this levy will be used exclusively and as the primary source of funding for basic and paramedic emergency medical care and services for the Mukilteo community.

If approved, this proposition authorizes the City to levy up to 50 cents per \$1,000 of assessed valuation in additional regular property tax to fund emergency medical care and services. This levy would be collected in 2011 and every year thereafter, subject to statutory limitations set forth in Chapter 84.55 RCW. If approved, this proposition increases property taxes by up to \$4.17 per month for each \$100,000 of assessed valuation in 2011.

### Statement For

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#### **A TAX LEVY THAT MAKES SENSE**

Taxes are not the answer to every problem. But to support local emergency medical service in Mukilteo, our community must join together. This is why our neighboring communities, Lynnwood, Edmonds, and Everett, all have Emergency Medical Service levies. When a levy supports our community, and makes us safer, it just makes sense!

#### **LOCAL EMS SERVICE SAVES LIVES**

Emergency medical service is critical to a safe community, providing life-saving paramedics and ambulances. Locally controlled and operated EMS service ensures fast response times and high quality care. **We should not wait until it's too late to make our community a safe place to live.**

#### **OUR EMS SERVICE HAS IMPROVED**

Since voters approved the first EMS levy, nine new firefighter/paramedics now provide 24-hour professional service from both fire stations. A new Training Captain ensures our firefighters and paramedics are expertly trained. The new Medical Service Officer oversees paramedic teams to ensure high-quality emergency medical service. Partnerships with neighboring communities guarantee the closest firefighters and paramedics will respond to your call for help. Moving forward, the City will identify even more ways to work together with our neighbors and save money.

#### **VOTE YES FOR EMS**

This is the most cost-effective proposal to keep Mukilteo a safe place to live. Local EMS service, providing fast response times, and a high quality of care, seamlessly connected to our local police and firefighters, is a choice that makes sense. **Vote yes to keep Mukilteo safe and sound!**

### No Statement Against submitted