

SKAGIT COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 19

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-01

**DISSOLUTION OF SKAGIT COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 19
(General Election)**

WHEREAS, At the Primary Election in 2024, the voters approved the formation of the Skagit County Regional Fire Authority.

WHEREAS, Skagit County Fire Protection District No. 19 is a Participating Jurisdiction in the Skagit County Regional Fire Authority.

WHEREAS, all powers, duties, and functions of Skagit County Fire Protection District No. 19 were transferred to the Skagit County Regional Fire Authority pursuant to the voter's approval of the Skagit County Regional Fire Authority Plan in August 2024.

WHEREAS, Skagit County Fire Protection District No. 19 provides no services, has no assets and serves no continued purpose.

WHEREAS, RCW 52.26.120 provides that a fire protection district that is a participating jurisdiction in a regional fire authority may be dissolved by a majority vote of the registered electors of the fire protection district, and

WHEREAS, The Board of Commissioners believes it is in the best interest of the citizens of the District to dissolve the District and eliminate an unnecessary layer of government.

Resolution: NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Skagit County Fire Protection District No. 19 Skagit County, Washington as follows:

Section 1. There shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the District for their ratification or rejection, at an election on November 4, 2025, in conjunction with the state general election to be held on the same date the question of whether Skagit County Fire Protection District No. 19 shall be dissolved pursuant to RCW 52.26.120.

Section 2. The dissolution of Skagit County Fire Protection District No. 19 shall not cancel outstanding obligations of the District, and the county legislative authority may make any necessary annual levies against the lands within the district until the obligations of the districts are paid.

Section 3. The County legislative authority and the County Assessor shall transfer all future tax receipts and any other income received on behalf of Skagit County Fire Protection District No. 19 to the Skagit County Regional Fire Authority.

Section 4. There shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the District for their ratification or rejection, at the general election on November 4, 2025, in conjunction with the state primary election to be held on the same date, the question of whether or not the District shall be dissolved. Pursuant to RCW 52.26.120 the Board of Commissioners hereby requests the auditor

of Skagit County, as ex-officio Supervisor of Elections, to call such election, and to submit the following proposition at such election, in the form of a ballot title substantially as follows:

Skagit County Fire Protection District No. 19

Proposition To Dissolve Skagit County Fire Protection District No. 19

The Board of Skagit County Fire Protection District No. 19 adopted Resolution No. ~~2025-01~~ concerning a proposition to dissolve the Fire District.

This proposition would dissolve Skagit County Fire Protection District No. 19 effective on certification of the election result. All fire protection and emergency medical services previously provided by the Fire District will continue to be provided by the voter approved Skagit County Regional Fire Authority, which has been the exclusive provider of fire protection and emergency medical services within Skagit County Fire Protection District No. 19 since September 30, 2024.

Should this proposition be:

Approved

Rejected

Section 5. In accordance with RCW 52.26.120, the ballot measure requires approval of a simple majority of the voters to pass.

Section 6. The Board hereby assigns to the Fire Chief or designee 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 7. 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 Fire Chief as the individual to whom the County Auditor shall provide such notice.

Section 8. The 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, consistent with the objectives of this resolution

Section 9. The Chief, or designee, is hereby authorized and directed, no later than August 5, 2025, 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 November 4, 2025 election.

Section 10. 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 11. Any act consistent with the authority and prior to the effective date of this resolution is hereby ratified and affirmed.

Section 12. This resolution shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage.

Adoption: ADOPTED by the Board of Commissioners of Skagit County Fire Protection District No. 19 at an open public meeting of such Board on the 13th day of may, 2025, the following Commissioners being present and voting:

SKAGIT COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION
DISTRICT NO. 19

By: _____

Commissioner

By: [Signature]

Commissioner

By: [Signature]

Commissioner

By: [Signature]
Secretary