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Board of Fire Commissioners to Consider Resolution on Fire Benefit Charge Renewal

[Issaquah, Wash.] The Board of Fire Commissioners for King County Fire Protection District 10 (Fire District 10) will meet to consider a resolution asking voters to renew a fire benefit charge. If the resolution is approved, the measure will be on the August 3 Primary Election ballot.

The meeting will take place virtually at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, April 5, 2021. The public is welcome and encouraged to attend. The meeting can be accessed via phone at (509) 931-1382 with passcode 416237282 followed by #. To view the meeting agenda and instructions on making a public comment, please visit the website (www.eastsidefire-rescue.org/agendacenter).

In Fire District 10, services are funded through a fire levy capped at \$1 per \$1,000 of assessed property value and a voter-approved fire benefit charge. A fire levy is based on the assessed value of a property. A fire benefit charge is based on a structure's size and use. The fire benefit charge takes into consideration that those who benefit more from fire protection services (such as large, high fire-risk structures) should pay more than smaller ones (such as single-family homes).

In 2021, the average fire benefit charge was \$0.29 per \$1,000 of assessed property value. Over the last five years, operating efficiencies and cost savings from the Eastside Fire & Rescue partnership have allowed the rate to be lowered from an average of \$0.68 per \$1,000 of assessed property value.





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More than two dozen other communities have approved a fire benefit charge because they believe it is a fairer way to fund emergency services. Voters in Fire District 10 first approved a fire benefit charge in 2003. It accounts for 23 percent of emergency services funding and will expire at the end of 2021 if not renewed.

More information about Eastside Fire & Rescue, King County Fire Protection District 10 and the fire benefit charge can be found at www.eastsidefire-rescue.org/154/Fire-District-10.

Eastside Fire & Rescue is supported by Fire District 10 as a collaboration with both municipalities and fire districts in east King County. Each city and fire district fund emergency services separately and contribute revenue to the partnership.

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King County Fire Protection District 10 and the City of Issaquah formed Eastside Fire & Rescue on January 1, 1999. In 2000, the cities of North Bend, Sammamish and King County Fire District 38 joined the partnership. Each city and fire district fund emergency services separately and contribute revenue to the partnership. More information on Eastside Fire & Rescue can be found at www.eastsidefire-rescue.org.