



**EASTSIDE FIRE & RESCUE**  
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**Board of Fire Commissioners Passes Resolution on Fire Benefit Charge Renewal  
Measure on Ballot for August 3 Primary**

[Issaquah, Wash.] The Board of Fire Commissioners for King County Fire Protection District 10 (Fire District 10) unanimously approved a resolution placing a fire benefit charge renewal on the August 3 Primary Election ballot. The fire benefit charge accounts for 23 percent of emergency services funding for Fire District 10.

Emergency services for residents and businesses 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). 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, and have renewed it every six years since that time. The current fire benefit charge will expire at the end of this year.

In 2017, the average fire benefit charge was \$0.68 per \$1,000 of assessed property value. Over the last five years, operating efficiencies and cost savings from the Eastside Fire & Rescue partnership have lowered the rate to \$0.29 per \$1,000.





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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. 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](http://www.eastsidefire-rescue.org/154/Fire-District-10).

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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](http://www.eastsidefire-rescue.org).*