Bainbridge Island Fire Department
PROPOSITION No. 1
Information

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES
TAX LEVY

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Emergency Medical Services on the island cannot be provided by BIFD at the current service level without the renewal of the EMS Levy revenue stream.

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The current EMS levy, approved in 2009, expires 12/31/2019.

The revenue generated by an EMS Levy is needed to maintain the level of emergency medical services currently provided by the Bainbridge Island Fire Department, including basic, intermediate and advanced life support services by certified emergency medical technicians and paramedics.

- Total BIFD call volume has increased 35% since 2012.
- 70% of all BIFD calls are for EMS & rescue.
- EMS Levy revenue is 26% of BIFD's annual revenue.
- Approved revenue will be used exclusively for emergency medical services.
- EMS Levy proceeds will be used to provide response out of three stations, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

EMS Levy Cost:			
Property Value	2019	2020	Cost Per Month 2020
$ 500,000	$ 160.00	$ 200.00	$ 16.67
$ 750,000	$ 240.00	$ 300.00	$ 25.00
$ 1,000,000	$ 320.00	$ 400.00	$ 33.33

- All BIFD responding staff are trained to provide emergency medical services.
- BIFD is the only service operating on the Island that provides emergency medical services, 24 hours per day. (Walk-in clinics are intended for non-life-threatening conditions only.)

- This EMS Levy proposal resets the levy rate to $0.40 per $1,000 of assessed property value beginning in 2020. The table provides a comparison of 2019 EMS Levy rates and proposed 2020 EMS Levy rates.
- Proposition #1 will make the EMS Levy permanent, unlike the current, 10-year temporary EMS levy. The permanent EMS Levy will be limited to annual increases of no more than 1 percent absent future voter approval.

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