



# Special Election - Proposition No. 1

## Town of Steilacoom

### Emergency Medical Care and Services



#### Official Ballot Title:

Shall the Town of Steilacoom be authorized to impose additional regular property tax levies in an amount equal to fifty cents (\$0.50) per thousand dollars of assessed valuation for each of six consecutive years to provide emergency medical care and services.

#### Statement For:

The EMS Levy partially supports that portion of the Public Safety Budget dedicated to emergency medical care and services including but not limited to: 1) personnel performing EMS, 2) equipment (aid vehicles, necessary equipment, and maintenance), 3) training, and 4) operating and medical supplies.

The Town currently responds to approximately 391 EMS calls per year. This figure is projected to increase.

If approved, the levy rate of up to \$.50/\$1,000 of assessed valuation would be the maximum Town officials could request on a yearly basis. If projected costs fall below the estimated revenues, a lower levy rate would be requested. As in the past six years, this decision is made annually during the budgetary process. The new levy rate allows for service growth over 6 years.

Your vote of **Yes** will allow the Town to continue to provide EMS response at the existing levels of service.

**Committee Members:** Ron Lucas and Carol Beckwith, 253-588-6217,  
[ron.lucas@ci.steilacoom.wa.us](mailto:ron.lucas@ci.steilacoom.wa.us)

#### Explanatory Statement:

The Town Council of the Town of Steilacoom has passed a resolution requesting an election to authorize for six (6) years a levy of a property tax in an amount not to exceed fifty cents (\$0.50) per thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) of assessed valuation. This levy would only be used for providing emergency medical care and services including but not limited to personnel performing emergency services, equipment purchase and maintenance, training, and operating and medical supplies.

The existing emergency medical care and services levy authorized by the voters of the Town of Steilacoom at the April 22, 2003 Special Election expires at the end of 2009. This levy will pass if a three-fifths majority of the votes cast are in favor of the levy. If the levy is approved it will become effective in 2010.

#### Statement Against:

No statement was submitted against this issue.

This space is available each election for citizens and/or committees opposing measures to publish a "Statement Against". For information, contact the Pierce County Auditor's Office at (253) 798-VOTE (8683).