

Complaint Description

[Alvin McNeil](#) (Thu, 31 Oct 2019 at 11:39 AM)
Two attached jpeg files

What impact does the alleged violation(s) have on the public?

The law is very clear in this instance. Public funds cannot be used to support or oppose any ballot initiative. In this case, a Clallam County Fire District quarterly mailer, as approved by Chief Ben Andrews, was prepared and affixed with U.S. postage requesting voters to renew the Emergency Medical Services Property Tax Levy (Proposition No. 1) in the November 2019 election.

The mailer designed, production, printing and postage was probably paid from fire district general funds in the amount exceeding several thousands of dollars.

Additionally, this mailer can easily sway enough voters to vote "yes" to approve the proposition. Such a voter approval will have an extreme significant fiscal impact over property owners, who would be forced to pay additional property tax levies over the next "ten consecutive years." The collective amount may easily exceed millions of dollars.

List of attached evidence or contact information where evidence may be found.

Attached are two images of the mailer: the "Chief's Corner" and the mailer address with paid postage.

List of potential witnesses with contact information to reach them.

The documents need no additional clarification or witness statements.

Complaint Certification:

I certify (or declare) under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that information provided with this complaint is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Chief's Corner

By Chief Ben Andrews



EMS Levy Renewal

During the 2019 November election, Clallam County Fire District 3 (District) will seek voter approval for a 10 year renewal of the current Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Levy. This is a renewal, not a new (or addition-al) tax. The EMS Levy renewal would begin in 2021 and sunset in 2030. If the voters approve this Levy renewal, it authorizes the continuation of the EMS levy at a rate not to exceed \$0.50 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation. This Levy was originally adopted in 1999 and renewed in 2009. Revenue from this levy can only be used to maintain EMS. The vast majority of the work the District does is EMS related. In 2018, the District responded to 7464 calls for service. Of those calls, 6,273 were EMS related; 84% of the District's total call volume. This renewal is vital for the District to be able to continue to provide the high level of care citizens have become accustomed to. If not renewed, the Levy will expire in 2020 and the District will lose approximately 25% of its total annual revenue.

We look forward to your continued support during this election!

Additional information can be found on our website at www.ccfcd3.org. I also am personally available to answer questions at (360) 683-4242 or bandrews@ccfd3.org.