



WENATCHEE VALLEY FIRE DEPARTMENT

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To the Editor of the Wenatchee World:

The Wenatchee Valley Fire Department Board of Fire Commissioners would like to thank residents for participating in the public process to consider a fire benefit charge. Your input is sincerely appreciated and as a result, the measure will be on the primary election ballot.

With the fire benefit charge, the property taxes you pay for emergency services are reduced by \$0.50 per \$1,000 of assessed value. The fire benefit charge is then assessed based on the size, risk and use of a property. Single-family homes pay less than commercial or industrial buildings because it costs less to serve a single-family home in a fire.

More than two dozen communities in Washington have passed a fire benefit charge as a more equitable way to fund emergency services. In our fire district, most homeowners will pay less for emergency services with a fire benefit charge. Learn more at www.wenatcheevalleyfire.org and use our fire benefit charge calculator.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Dave Fennell', is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Dave Fennell, Chair

Board of Fire Commissioners

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