A BETTER PLAN FOR THE FUTURE: THE FBC

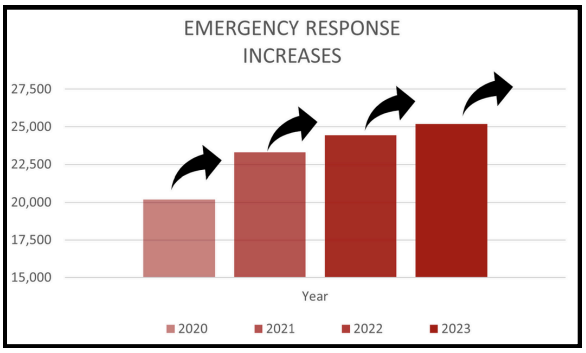
Matching Rising Demand with Stabilized Funding



South King Fire has a better plan for the future to stabilize funding with the Fire Benefit Charge (FBC), known as Proposition 1 on the August 6, 2024 ballot. This will uphold fiscal responsibility and more effectively meet rising community demands by providing improved access to resources when responding to fire and emergency situations. *The FBC requires a 60% majority vote.*

RISING DEMAND

- Emergency 911 calls now exceed 25,000 annually, signifying a 54% increase compared to a decade ago.
- From 2020 to 2023, emergency response needs have risen significantly.
- Due to population growth, higher density, and community need, additional resources are now required.



STABILIZED FUNDING

- The FBC is a more fair and stabilized funding approach. **If the FBC is approved, it will lower regular property taxes and eliminate the need for a renewed Maintenance & Operations levy**.
- It distributes costs by placing more responsibility on structures with higher fire risk and resource needs. **Smaller structures (such as single-family homes) generally pay less than larger buildings** (i.e. commercial buildings) because it takes fewer resources to protect them in a fire. Here are some examples:

Square Footage	Current Funding Model	**Proposed Funding Model with FBC	Reduction
1,750 SQFT House + 440 SQFT Garage	Property Tax **Total:** $874.82	Property Tax: $549.36 FBC: $283.50 **Total:** $832.86	**$41.96**
2,240 SQFT House + 780 SQFT Garage	Property Tax **Total:** $1,081.38	Property Tax: $679.07 FBC: $342.99 **Total:** $1,022.06	**$59.32**
2,740 SQFT House + 280 SQFT Basement + 960 SQFT Garage	Property Tax **Total:** $1,530.93	Property Tax: $961.38 FBC: $452.08 **Total:** $1,413.46	**$117.47**

*These property tax estimates are based off of 2024 collections according to King County's assessed values.
**FBC rates are estimated using King County's Assessed Value (AV) projections for 2025.

KEY FACTS ABOUT THE FBC

- The FBC is not a tax.
- It's a fee based on structure size, property use, and fire risk factors.
- Exemptions and discounts apply.

LEADING WITH TRANSPARENCY

South King Fire continues to lead with transparency to keep our community informed about the FBC. FAQs and more can be found our our website.

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Have questions?

- **Scan** the QR code or **Visit** www.southkingfire.org/fbc
- **Call** us at 253-839-6234
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Remember to vote Aug. 6, 2024