RESOLUTION NO. 202

A RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE VALLEY REGIONAL FIRE AUTHORITY ESTABLISHING AND IMPOSING A FIRE BENEFIT SERVICE CHARGE BY THE VALLEY REGIONAL FIRE AUTHORITY FOR COLLECTION IN 2025

WHEREAS, the Valley Regional Fire Authority (Authority) is a political subdivision of the State of Washington, created and established pursuant to Chapter 52.26 of the Revised Code of Washington (RCW); and

WHEREAS, a special election was held on August 6, 2024, and certified on August 22, 2024, in which the voters of the Authority authorized the imposition of a fire benefit service charge for a period of ten (10) years commencing in calendar year 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Board of the Authority has met and considered its budget for the calendar year 2025; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to RCW 52.26.230, a public hearing was held on November 12, 2024 after proper notice was given, to review and establish the fire benefit service charge to be imposed for 2025; and

WHERAS, the Governing Board determined that the methodology utilized and set forth in the report of the public hearing reasonably takes into consideration the facts and circumstances of each property for which a fire benefit service charge is imposed, and further that each individual benefit charge is

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NOW THEREFORE, THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE VALLEY REGIONAL FIRE AUTHORITY, DOES RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. A fire benefit service charge totaling \$16,000,000 is hereby established and imposed for 2025 and the apportioned fire benefit services charges to be applied to specific commercial, residential and multi-family property within the Authority shall be in accordance with the "Schedule for Fire Benefit Charges – Valley Regional Fire Authority" to be furnished and attached to this resolution in electronic format.

Section 2. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this Resolution is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of the remaining portions of the Resolution, as it being hereby expressly declared that this Resolution and each section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase hereof would have been prepared, proposed, adopted and approved and ratified irrespective of the fact that any one or more section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase be declared invalid or unconstitutional.

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Section 4. Effective Date. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect upon passage and signatures hereon.

DATED and SIGNED this <u>13th</u> day of <u>November</u> 2024.

VALLEY REGIONAL FIRE AUTHORITY

Nancy Backus

NANCY BACKUS Governing Board Chair

ATTEST:

Stefanie Harper

Stefanie Harper Clerk of the Board

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