

# LMD 2024/2025 Rate Increase Vote Sheet

**Argument for:** Costs for county employee wages and benefits, administrative and material costs, and contractor costs go up each year based on inflation and other factors. To ensure funds are available to maintain and improve the lake, rates need to be increased.

**Argument against:** LMD Committee efforts have reduced employee and contractor costs over the past two years resulting in a reserve fund being established.

**Facts:**

1. The LMD assessment is found on your property taxes and is listed as Lakes Management District under Current Year (2023) Detail. The current rates for 2023 are shown in the table below.
2. As an LMD member you receive a 50% discount on your annual County Storm Water fee or approximately \$35.00. This fee is found on your property tax statement just above your LMD assessment fee. If you were not an LMD member this fee would be twice what is shown on your statement.
3. In 2016 we (you) voted to reestablish the Lake Lawrence Lake Management District #22 for a ten-year period from January 2017 through December 2026.
4. In Accordance with Resolution #15372 that approved the roll of rates and charges we (LMD Members – YOU) can vote to increase assessments 1-5%. Based on past years the votes are normally for 1, 3 or 5%. Our contractor services for 2023 have increased 3%. We are not even close to keeping up with inflation, but understand everyone is feeling the financial pinch. The board is recommending at least a 3% increase. This is what your assessment for 2024 would be if YOU vote to increase it:

Current Rate	1%	3%	5%
Upland \$78.18	\$78.96	\$80.52	\$82.09
Canal \$155.13	\$156.68	\$159.78	\$162.89
Lake \$313.91	\$317.05	\$323.33	\$329.61

5. The assessment for 2025 would be increased by the percentage voted for. Therefore, your **vote** affects the rate increase for two years (2024 and 2025) based on the County two-year budget cycle.
6. In 2017 the assessment was raised 5%. For 2018, 2019 and 2020 the assessment was raised 3% each year. For 2021 and 2022 the assessment was raised 1%. Assessment was raised 5% in 2023. All voting sheets received by the committee will be counted. Majority decides what the rate increase will be. **YOUR VOTE COUNTS**, but only if submitted.

So, bring your vote sheet (see below) with you to the March 8<sup>th</sup> LMD meeting, drop it in the LMD Drop Box at the corner of Topaz and Lawrence Place, take a pic and text to Barry at 253-341-6059, or scan and email to [lakelawrence750@gmail.com](mailto:lakelawrence750@gmail.com) **NLT 8 March 2023.**

**Votes will be counted following the 8 March LMD meeting.**

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**VOTE SHEET (please complete all blank spaces to ensure your VOTE is counted)**

My name is: \_\_\_\_\_ . I am the owner of the property located at \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_. My Property/Parcel No. is: \_\_\_\_\_ (This number is located in the upper left corner of your Property Tax and Other Charges Statement). Please ensure you print information clearly. If we cannot verify your property/parcel number, address and name your vote cannot be counted. Each property/parcel has 1 vote. If you own more than one property/parcel within the LMD you can cast a vote for each one. Just complete a separate vote sheet for each one.

This is my vote: **1% 3% 5%** (Please circle only one)

\_\_\_\_\_ (signature) Contact Info: Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like to be added to the LMD Committee contact list to receive information on the results of this vote and on future information regarding Lake Lawrence and the Lake Management District.

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like to receive information on how I can volunteer to be a steering committee member.

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like to receive information on how I can volunteer to help with projects to improve Lake Lawrence.