

Fire Protection District No. 21 (Graham Fire & Rescue)

Special Election - Proposition No. 1

Excess Property Tax Levy for Maintenance and Operation Expenses

See complete resolution text at
PierceCountyElections.org

Ballot Title

The Board of Fire Commissioners of Pierce County Fire Protection District No. 21 (Graham Fire & Rescue) adopted Resolution No. 891 concerning a replacement levy for maintenance and operations expenses. If approved, Proposition No. 1 will authorize the District to levy, without regard to the dollar rate and percentage limitations imposed by Chapter 84.52 RCW, the following excess taxes on all taxable property within the District, for maintenance and operations and to maintain current levels of fire and emergency medical services:

Collection Year	Estimated Levy Rate/\$1,000 Assessed Value	Levy Amount
2019	\$0.60	\$4,300,000
2020	\$0.56	\$4,300,000
2021	\$0.54	\$4,300,000
2022	\$0.51	\$4,300,000

all as provided in Resolution No. 891. Should Proposition No. 1 be approved?

Explanatory Statement

Graham Fire & Rescue is placing a maintenance and operations excess levy proposition on the February 13, 2018 ballot. This proposition will authorize the fire district to collect \$4.3 million annually for four years, at an approximate rate of \$0.60 to \$0.51 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation, starting in 2019 and ending in 2022. The actual rate should decrease every year due to growth in the total assessed valuation. This proposition reauthorizes the same initial rate approved by the voters on November 4, 2014.

The fire district has seen significant growth in population (19% in the last ten years) with a greater increase in incident response demand (41% in the last ten years). Current staffing levels are inadequate to sustain the current response times due to this increase in demand for service. Ability to meet future service demands will be compromised without increased staffing levels. Graham Fire & Rescue responded to 6545 incidents in 2016.

Approval of this proposition would maintain the current level of services, by allowing an increase in staffing levels to meet current demand, provide for replacement of aging medical transport units and fire trucks, critical lifesaving equipment replacement, while maintaining District reserves.

Statement For

Not A New Tax Proposition No. 1 is not a new tax. It reauthorizes the Fire Department to collect property taxes previously approved by voters. The proposed rate of \$0.60 per \$1,000.00 on a home valued at \$300,000.00 would cost \$180.00 annually - less than \$0.50 a day.

Increasing Populations With Limited Resources
Graham Fire receives two dimes out of every dollar collected in property taxes but provides emergency medical, life and property protection, as well as fire suppression and prevention services to more than 60,000 residents and growing.

To provide these essential, lifesaving services, professionally and accountably to an increasing population, this maintenance and operation measure must pass. Without your support, station closures, increased response times, and a reduction in first responders is inevitable.

Supported by Firefighters and Fire Commissioners
Professional Firefighters and the Board of Fire Commissioners determined this measure to be both necessary and essential for the protection of life and property. Thank you in advance for reauthorizing Proposition No. 1.

Rebuttal of Statement Against

The Fire Chief and Board of Fire Commissioners proposed *reauthorization* of the maintenance and operation levy previously approved by voters. The protection of life and property are the only special interest this measure serves. The opponents of Proposition No. 1 were either removed from the Board of Fire Commissioners by the voting public, or have drawn challenges seeking their removal from public office. Protect our community. This is *your* Fire Department. Yes on Proposition One!

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Yes Graham Fire

Statement Against

Do not be fooled by misinformation, this union backed issue will increase your taxes! The call volume is incorrect, they have included mutual aid calls, they are not required to respond to. The idea that they are required or need to have more fire fighters on a engine is not based on facts or law. The National Fire Protection Association only requires that your Fire department meet the intent of the regulation.

Your new Board of Fire Commissioners and new Fire Chief wants to add up to 30 or more fire fighters based on new taxes, do not be fooled, make your Fire District live within the current 17 million dollar budget, which is supporting the current manpower levels.

When you hear about layoffs it's not based on the facts. This is your fire department, you control how it is run and funded not unions, or special interest. Vote no

Rebuttal of Statement For

2014 your taxes to support the fire department were \$9,320,000. 2018 total will be \$17,150,000. It will have gone up more than \$7,830,000 in taxes and fees in just four short years. They want a M & O tax of \$4,300,000 a year, before knowing what the evaluation will have gone up. For 2018 new taxes and GEMT will bring in \$1,608,000 more. The average homeowner makes \$48,000. Now they want \$17,200,000 more. Vote no no.

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Citizens Against Unreasonable Taxation

Eatonville School District No. 404 and Fire Protection District No. 21

Special Election - February 13, 2018

BALLOT DROP BOXES OPEN 24/7 JAN. 26 - FEB. 13

ANDERSON ISLAND - Anderson Island Park and Ride, Yoman Rd (near Villa Beach Rd)

BONNEY LAKE - Bonney Lake (South) Park and Ride, Sky Island Dr E & 184th Ave E

BROWNS POINT/NORTHEAST TACOMA - NE Police Substation, 4731 Norpoint Way NE

BUCKLEY - Buckley Library, 123 S River Rd

DUPONT - DuPont Ross Plaza, 1500 Wilmington Dr

EATONVILLE - Barney's Corner, 40512 Meridian E

EDGEWOOD - Edgewood City Hall, 2224 104th Ave E

FIFE - Fife City Hall, 5411 23rd St E

GRAHAM - Graham Fire & Rescue Station 91, 10012 187th St E

LAKEWOOD - Lakewood City Hall, 6000 Main St SW * Lakewood (SR 512) Park and Ride, 10417 South Tacoma Way

ORTING - Orting Public Safety Building, 401 Washington Ave SE

PARKLAND/SPANAWAY - Parkland/Spanaway Library, 13718

Pacific Ave S * Roy Y Park and Ride, SR 507 & Pacific Ave S

PUYALLUP/SOUTH HILL - Puyallup Library, 324 S Meridian

* Skookum Archers, 11209 Shaw Rd E *South Hill Library, 15420 Meridian E

ROY - Roy City Hall, 216 McNaught Rd S

STEILACOOM - Steilacoom Library, 2950 Steilacoom Blvd

SUMMIT - Summit Library, 5107 112th St E

SUMNER - Sumner Library, 1116 Fryer Ave

TACOMA - 72nd Street Transit Center, 1319 E 72nd St * Central District, 902 S L St * Community Health Care at Salishan, 1708 E

44th St * Kandle Park Police Substation (parking lot), 5140 N 26th St * Pierce County Annex, 2401 S 35th St * Tacoma Area Coalition of Individuals with Disabilities, 6315 S 19th St * Tacoma Dome

Park and Ride, 610 Puyallup Ave E * Wapato Park, 1501 S 72nd St

TILlicum - Tillicum Community Center, 14916 Washington Ave SW

UNIVERSITY PLACE - West Pierce Fire & Rescue, 3631 Drexler Dr W

VOTING CENTERS OPEN FEB. 13, 7 AM - 8 PM

PIERCE COUNTY ELECTION CENTER, 2501 S 35th St, Ste C, Tacoma

PUYALLUP LIBRARY - 324 S Meridian, Puyallup

TACOMA AREA COALITION OF INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES

(TACID) - 6315 S 19th St, Tacoma

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- Replacement ballots — Lost, damaged, or miss-marked ballot replacements provided.
- Ballot drop off — In addition to our ballot drop boxes, all voting centers have a secure ballot deposit box available.
- Helpful election workers to assist you.
- Provisional ballots.

Using a Drop Box?

(No stamp required)
Drop off ballot by 8 PM
Feb. 13, 2018.



Mailing your ballot?

(Stamp required)
Must be postmarked by
February 13, 2018.



We recommend mailing no later than February 10, 2018 to ensure postmark.

NEED TO REGISTER TO VOTE?

You must be:

- A citizen of the United States.
- A legal resident of Washington.
- At least 18 years old by Election Day.
- Not under the authority of the Department of Corrections.

How to register:

- Online - PierceCountyElections.org
- In person - Pierce County Election Center.
- By mail - Call to request a form.

Registration deadline:

In person deadline (new Washington voters only) is February 5, 2018.

QUESTIONS?

NEED A REPLACEMENT BALLOT?

PierceCountyElections.org
pcelections@co.pierce.wa.us
(253) 798-VOTE (8683) or (800) 446-4979



Official Local Voter's Pamphlet published by the Pierce County Auditor's Office

Eatonville School District No. 404

Special Election - Proposition No. 1

See complete resolution text at
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Replacement Educational Programs and Operations Levy

Ballot Title

The Board of Directors of Eatonville School District No. 404 adopted Resolution No. 685 concerning educational funding. If approved, Proposition No. 1 will authorize the District to levy the following excess taxes, replacing an expiring levy, on all taxable property within the District, to support the District's educational programs and daily operations, including teachers, staff, classroom materials, and textbooks not funded by the State of Washington:

Collection Year	Estimated Levy Rate/\$1,000 Assessed Value	Amount
2019	\$2.51	\$3,695,438
2020	\$2.51	\$3,898,688

all as provided in Resolution No. 685. Should Proposition No. 1 be approved?

Explanatory Statement

Passage of Proposition No. 1 would replace an expiring levy and allow the levy of \$3,695,438 in property taxes within Eatonville School District for collection in 2019 and the levy of \$3,898,688 for collection in 2020. In accordance with Resolution No. 685 approving this proposition, these taxes would be deposited in the Eatonville School District's General Fund to pay part of the general expenses of operating the District. General expenses of the District include employee costs (such as salaries), instructional materials, special programs, activities and sports, technology systems operation, transportation costs, maintenance of facilities and other non-capital expenses of operating the District schools. If authorized by the voters, such property taxes would be collected at a rate estimated to be \$2.51 per \$1,000 of 2018 assessed valuation and \$2.51 per \$1,000 of 2019 assessed valuation. The exact levy rate shall be adjusted based upon the actual assessed value of the property within the District at the time of the levy.

Statement For

Eatonville School District has been the heart and soul of our community for nearly 90 years. In the last few years Eatonville schools have received distinguished awards such as Washington State School of Distinction, National Academic Achievement Award and Washington STEM Lighthouse designation. In order to maintain the quality of education we come to expect from Eatonville Schools, we must pass the 2019-2020 Educational Programs and Operations Levy.

This Is Not A New Tax.

This replacement levy is at a lower rate than taxpayers are currently paying. The new levy will maintain the daily operations of our facilities and transportation, purchase textbooks, technology, and classroom/library materials. It will provide additional staff for instruction, supervision, and safety. Your yes vote will provide activities such as sports, music, drama, and afterschool academic support. This levy funds 20% of our school budget. Vote Yes!

Strong Schools = Eatonville Strong

Committee Members: Ronda Litzenberger, rowronda@aol.com, Corrine Lucas, and Sarah Turner
Citizens for Education

Statement Against

No statement was submitted against this issue.

Eatonville School District No. 404

Special Election - Proposition No. 2

See complete resolution text at
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Capital Projects Levy

Ballot Title

The Board of Directors of Eatonville School District No. 404 adopted Resolution No. 686 concerning a capital projects levy. If approved, Proposition No. 2 will authorize the District to levy the following excess taxes on all taxable property within the District to modernize and remodel District facilities, including acquisition of technology infrastructure:

Collection Year	Estimated Levy Rate/\$1,000 Assessed Value	Amount
2019	\$0.25	\$368,072
2020	\$0.25	\$388,315
2021	\$0.25	\$409,673
2022	\$0.25	\$430,156
2023	\$0.25	\$451,664
2024	\$0.25	\$474,248

all as provided in Resolution No. 686. Should Proposition No. 2 be approved?

Explanatory Statement

Passage of Proposition No. 2 would allow the levy of \$368,072 in property taxes within Eatonville School District No. 404 for collection in 2019, the levy of \$388,315 for collection in 2020, the levy of \$409,673 for collection in 2021, the levy of \$430,156 for collection in 2022, the levy of \$451,664 for collection in 2023, and the levy of \$474,248 for collection in 2024, to fund construction, modernization and remodeling of existing facilities, to include roof replacements, heating and mechanical systems, and interior and exterior renovations, life safety and security improvements and acquisition of technology and technical infrastructure, including internet wiring and administrative systems. These taxes would be collected over the 2018-2019 through 2023-2024 school years, inclusive, and deposited in the District's Capital Projects Fund for such improvements to meet the current and future educational programs for its students. If authorized by the voters, and based on projected assessed valuation information, estimated levy rates per \$1,000 of assessed value would be \$0.25 for collection in the years 2019 through 2024, inclusive. The exact levy rate shall be adjusted based upon the actual assessed value of the property within the District at the time of the levy.

Statement For

The community of Eatonville has invested in beautiful facilities for its students. Just like any home, they show wear over time and there is routine maintenance and upkeep that needs to occur to keep them in a condition our students deserve. In order to avoid using program funds to cover those costs, Eatonville School District is proposing a Capital Levy.

The Capital Levy will pay for the maintenance and upkeep of our current facilities. Items such as roof and septic replacements, and maintaining and upgrading our infrastructure would be paid for by the capital levy. Our students deserve to learn in buildings that are safe, secure, and meet their needs.

Please vote yes!

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Citizens for Education

Statement Against

No statement was submitted against this issue.