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Pierce County Mandatory Resolution Cover Sheet

This form must accompany each resolution that is submitted. Contact person or persons should have the authority to approve the completed ballot title(s). It is very important that the contact person be available until this process is completed.

Name of District: Pierce County Fire Protection District No. 18

Date of Election: November 3, 2009

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Type of Election (levy, bond, etc.): EMS Levy
(i.e. lid lift, benefit charge)

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Are you requesting a Vote by Mail Election? Yes X No

Is it included with resolution? Yes X No

Is there a separate letter requesting it? Yes No X

-If no letter, you will need to send in a letter stating your request within 5 working days.

Special Instructions: _____

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**PIERCE COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 18
RE-AUTHORIZING PREVIOUSLY EXISTING EMERGENCY MEDICAL
SERVICES PROPERTY TAX LEVY RATE
RESOLUTION NO. 2009-00 //**

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF THE FIRE COMMISSIONERS OF PIERCE COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 18 PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE FIRE DISTRICT, AT AN ELECTION TO BE HELD WITHIN THE FIRE DISTRICT ON NOVEMBER 3rd, 2009 IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE STATE GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON THE SAME DATE, OF A PROPOSITION AUTHORIZING A LEVY OF A REGULAR PROPERTY TAX IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED FIFTY CENTS (\$.50) PER THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,000) OF THE TRUE AND ASSESSED VALUATION, IN ADDITION TO ITS REGULAR PROPERTY TAX LEVY, AS AUTHORIZED IN RCW 84.52.069, EACH YEAR FOR SIX CONSECUTIVE YEARS, TO BE LEVIED FIRST IN 2010, AND TO BE COLLECTED IN EACH YEAR SUCCEEDING IN THE YEAR OF THE LEVY. SAID LEVY SHALL PROVIDE FUNDS REQUIRED BY THE FIRE DISTRICT FOR THE CONTINUED PROVISION OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES, INCLUDING PERSONNEL COSTS, TRAINING FOR SUCH PERSONNEL, AND RELATED EQUIPMENT, SUPPLIES AND VEHICLES.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS OF PIERCE COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 18, PIERCE COUNTY, WASHINGTON, AS FOLLOWS:

WHEREAS, Fire Protection District No. 18 in 2003, received prior approval by qualified electors of an EMS levy as an additional regular property tax in an amount not to exceed \$.50 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation of property to support the cost of basic and advanced emergency medical services provided by the Fire District; and

WHEREAS, the delivery of paramedic services in Pierce County has greatly enhanced the survival rate of victims of cardiac arrest and the initiation of cardiopulmonary resuscitation by the bystanders of emergency medical technicians has doubled hospital discharge rates; and

WHEREAS, it is the judgment of the Board of Commissioners of Pierce County Fire District No. 18 that it is necessary for the protection of the health and life of the residents of the Fire District that emergency medical services be improved by the administration of increased emergency medical services staffing within the District. Such services will necessitate the expenditure of revenues for maintenance, operations,

equipment and personnel in excess of those moneys provided by the District's regular tax levy, for collection over the next six years beginning in 2010; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Fire Commissioners desire continuation of high quality emergency medical services for the benefit of the citizens of the Fire District and therefore support the proposed six-year EMS levy of up to \$.50 per \$1,000 until more permanent funding can be found for this important life-saving service;

WHEREAS, the Board of Fire Commissioners authorize this Levy to be placed on the November 2009 ballot, for its attorney to prepare the Explanatory Statement for the ballot and that a committee supporting the measure and a committee opposing the measure be appointed. The committees will be solely responsible for submitting their argument statements in accordance with the specified timeline for the election.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, FOUND, DETERMINED AND ORDERED, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1: To continue to meet the need for high quality emergency medical services, including advanced life support (paramedic) services, and to meet the growing emergency medical needs arising from accelerated growth within the community, to satisfy personnel and equipment needs, to raise revenues adequate to pay costs attributable to providing adequate emergency medical services, and to maintain reserve funds, the Fire District shall levy in 2009, for collection each year for six consecutive years beginning in 2010, a general tax on taxable property in the District in an amount of up to \$.50 per \$1,000 of true and fair assessed valuation of the District.

Section 2: Pursuant to the authorization of RCW 84.52.069, as amended, this levy is a regular property tax levy in addition to the statutory tax rate limit of RCW 84.52.043 and is not subject to the limitation of RCW 84.55.010 for the first levy imposed pursuant to RCW 84.52.069 (6), but may be subject thereto for the remaining five levies.

Section 3: This six-year levy must be approved by a majority of at least three-fifths of the registered voters of the Fire District approving the proposition authorizing the levies, at which election the number of persons voting "yes" on the proposition shall constitute three-fifths a number equal to forty percent of the total number of voters voting in the District at the last preceding general election when the number of registered voters voting on the proposition does not exceed forty percent of the total number of voters voting in the District in the last preceding general election; or by a majority of at least three-fifths of the registered voters of the District voting on the proposition when the number of registered voters voting on the proposition exceeds forty percent of the total number of voters voting in the District in the last preceding general election.

Section 4: That if the six-year EMS levy is approved by the voters, the proceeds of this Levy will in part be used to provide payment of charges incurred by qualified residents and tax payers of the District for fire department transports, as to that portion of the charges which are not payable by third parties and insurers, as allowed by law.

Section 5: There shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the Fire District for their ratification or rejection, at an election on November 3rd, 2009, the proposition hereinafter set forth. The Board of Commissioner of Fire Protection District No. 18 does hereby declare that the auditor of Pierce County, as ex officio Supervisor of Elections, is hereby requested to call said election and to submit the following proposition at said election in the form of a ballot title substantially as follows:

PROPOSITION NO. 1

PIERCE COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 18

**RE-AUTHORIZING PREVIOUSLY EXISTING EMERGENCY MEDICAL
SERVICES PROPERTY TAX LEVY RATE**

Shall Pierce County Fire Protection District No. 18 be re-authorized to impose a regular property tax levy of up to \$.50 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation for each of six consecutive years, beginning in 2010, to continue providing emergency medical services, which includes advanced life support (paramedic) care and transport services?

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS:

To vote IN FAVOR OF the foregoing proposition, mark a cross(X) in the "Levy, Yes" square.

To vote AGAINST the foregoing proposition, mark a cross (X) in the "Levy, No" square.

LEVY YES

LEVY NO

Section 6: A notice of election shall be published at least once, which publication shall take place not more than ten (10) days nor less than three (3) days prior to the date of said election. Said publication shall be in a newspaper of general circulation within the District.

Section 7. The Secretary to the Board is hereby directed to deliver a certified copy of this resolution to the Auditor of Pierce County, Washington, as ex officio County Supervisor of Elections for the District immediately.

Section 8. With respect to this election, the District shall participate in the publication of information in the Local Voters' Pamphlet, including but not limited to an explanatory

statement reviewed and approved by the District's attorney, a Statement For, and a Statement Against, pursuant to Chapter 29.81A of the Revised Code of Washington.

Section 9. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED by the Board of Fire Commissioners of Pierce County Fire Protection District No. 18 on May 19th, 2009.

Pierce County Fire Protection
District No. 18



Troy West – Commissioner Chair



Shelley Jackson – Commissioner Vice Chair

Shawn Mahoney – Commissioner



Randy Shelton – Fire Chief

Ballot Title

The Board of Fire Commissioners of Pierce County Fire Protection District No. 18 passed Resolution No. 2009-0011 proposing to renew the Emergency Medical Services property tax levy. If passed, Proposition No. 1 would permit the District to levy for collection commencing in 2010 the regular property tax at the rate of \$.50 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation for each of six (6) consecutive years for emergency medical services. Shall proposition No. 1 be approved?