

1 Sponsored by: Councilmembers Roger Bush, Timothy M. Farrell, Terry Lee, and Dick Muri
2 Requested by: Pierce County Council

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5 RESOLUTION NO. R2009-79
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8 **A Resolution of the Pierce County Council Adopting its Guiding Principles for the**
9 **2010 Budget; and Requesting that the Pierce County Executive Use**
10 **These Principles in Developing the Proposed 2010 Budget for Pierce**
11 **County.**

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13 **Whereas**, the Pierce County Executive has requested the Council's early input
14 regarding the 2010 County Budget; and

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16 **Whereas**, consistent with the Executive's request, and in consideration of the
17 revenue shortfalls the County continues to experience, the Council wishes to establish its
18 guiding principles for development of a 2010 Pierce County Budget; and

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20 **Whereas**, in establishing these guiding principles, the Council does so with the
21 expectation that the Executive will use them in developing the proposed 2010 Pierce
22 County Budget; **Now, Therefore**,

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24 **BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of Pierce County:**

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26 Section 1. The Pierce County Council's Guiding Principles for the 2010 County
27 Budget are hereby adopted as shown in this Resolution.

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29 Section 2. The County Council's Guiding Principles for development of the 2010
30 County Budget are as follows:

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32 **General**

- 33 1. The highest priorities for County expenditures are public safety and job
34 creation/economic development.
- 35 2. Discretionary funding (those items not mandated by state law or County
36 Code) should be reduced first and to the fullest extent possible.
- 37 3. Polling sites will remain open.
- 38 4. There will be no additional use of the Unreserved General Fund Balance in
39 the 2010 Budget.



- 1 5. Miscellaneous Current Expense funding to outside groups should be limited
2 to those that are essential to public health and safety (e.g., domestic
3 violence, senior centers, etc.)
- 4 6. If the Executive recommends any fee increases, such fees should increase
5 no more than the rate of inflation.
- 6 7. The Budget should include a list of grants that are anticipated to be received
7 in 2010. The list should identify which grants are new, i.e., not on-going
8 grants or repeats.
- 9 8. No grants should be accepted that create a funding obligation for the County
10 beyond the grant period without Council approval.
- 11 9. Charges paid to all internal service funds (e.g., Fleet Rental, IT, Self-
12 Insurance Fund, etc.) shall be reduced or stay flat in 2010.
- 13 10. Planning and Land Services, the Assessor-Treasurer, and Geographic
14 Systems should explore areas of cooperation and areas where cost
15 efficiencies could be realized.
- 16 11. Funding for Government Relations activities should not fall below 2009
17 levels, to allow Government Relations to continue to monitor and advocate
18 for Pierce County's best interests.
- 19 12. The County should try to minimize the harm to citizens through federal and
20 state cuts in funding for senior services, mental health, health, chemical
21 dependency, housing, and other such human and community services, by
22 seeking additional funding that may become available but not by
23 supplementing programs with County General Fund.

24 **Public Works and Utilities**

- 25 13. The transfer of County Road Fund dollars for non-road purposes should not
26 exceed the level approved in the 2009 Budget (\$2.5 million).
- 27 14. Public Works and Utilities should substantially reduce funding for planning for
28 projects that do not have an identified funding source beyond the next six
29 years.

30 **Planning and Land Services**

- 31 15. Planning and Land Services should base its 2010 staffing on a level of
32 service model tied to anticipated permit volume and Growth Management Act
33 (GMA) obligations as reflected in the Advance Planning work program.



1 **Public Safety**

2 16. Funding should be adequate to ensure 24/7 patrol coverage county-wide and
3 full funding of 12 Neighborhood Patrol Deputies.

4 17. Budget reductions should not result in any layoffs of trained, uniformed
5 Sheriff or Corrections officers.

6 **Parks**

7 18. Efforts should be made to find funding alternatives for parks and recreation
8 facilities, especially those that are within the boundaries of a city or park
9 district.

10 19. Expenditures on recreational programming should be evaluated to determine
11 if related revenues are adequate to justify continued expenditures.
12 Consideration should be given to eliminating programs that generate little or
13 no revenue.

14 **Performance Audit**

15 20. The Performance Audit office should be funded at a level that will support its
16 2010 work plan.

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18 Section 3. The County Executive is requested to use these Guiding Principles in
19 the development of the 2010 Proposed County Budget.

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22 **ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2009.**

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24 ATTEST:

PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL
Pierce County, Washington

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31 **Denise D. Johnson**
32 Clerk of the Council
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Roger Bush
Council Chair

