

## SECTION 2

# REGION 5 HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN CITY OF FIRCREST PROFILE SECTION

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# Mission Statement

The mission of the City of Fircrest is as follows:

**To enhance the quality of life where we live, work, and play, the City of Fircrest provides its citizens with efficient, courteous, professional services.**

# Services Summary

The City of Fircrest was incorporated in 1925.

The jurisdiction provides the following services through their own capabilities:

**Table 2-1 City Services<sup>1</sup>**

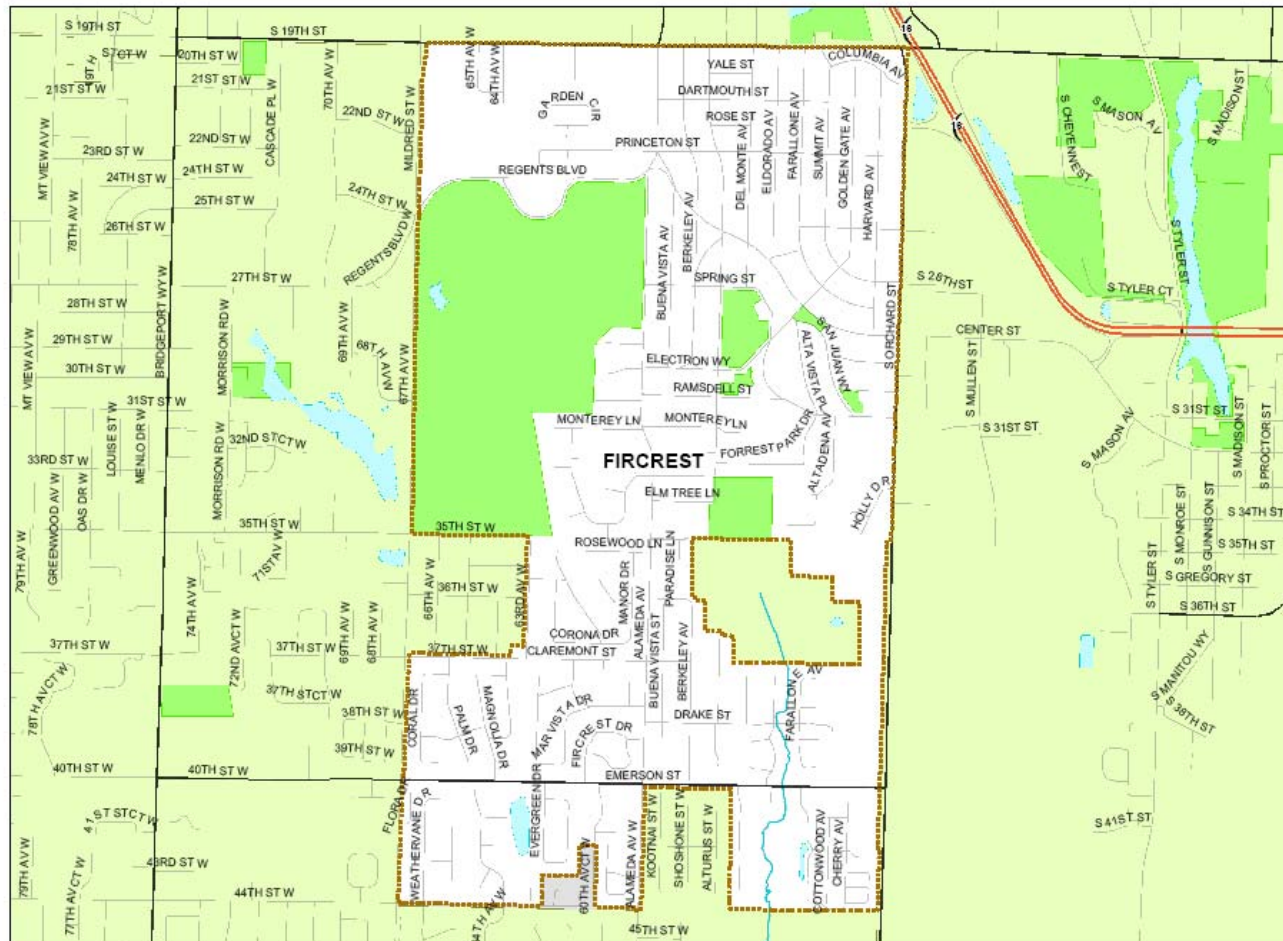
<b>CITY SERVICES</b>			
<b>Service</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Service</b>	<b>Yes</b>
Mayor/City Manager	Yes	Municipal Airport	No
City Attorney	Yes	Municipal Court	Yes
City Clerk	Yes	Public Works/Improvements	Yes
City Treasurer	Yes	Comprehensive Planning	Yes
Sheriff or Police	Yes	Parking Meter Revenue	No
Parks Commissioners	No	Construction and Operation of Boat Harbors, Marinas, Docks, etc.	No
City Council	Yes	Issue Bonds and Levies of General Tax	Yes
License and Tax Fees	Yes	Fire Department/EMS	Yes
Non-Polluting Power Generation	No	Parking, Off-street Facilities	Yes
Hydroelectric Resources	No	Sanitary Landfill/Refuse Service	No
Radio Communications	Yes	Sidewalks	Yes
Streets	Yes	Storm Drains	Yes
Waste Water Treatment	No	Streets/Alleys	Yes
Water Utility	Yes	Parks and Parkways	Yes
Public Transportation Systems	No	Water Pollution Abatement	Yes
Residential Care Facilities	No	Local Improvement Districts	Yes
Child Care Facilities	No		

# Geo-Political Summary

Table 2-2 Geo-Political Summary<sup>2</sup>

Jurisdiction	Area (sq mi)	Elevation Range (ft)	Major Water Features	Regional Partners	
				Shared Borders	Land Use Authorities
City of Fircrest	1.26	200-380	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chambers Clover Watershed</li> <li>• 2-Chambers Bay Basin</li> <li>• 18-Tacoma West Basin</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• University Place</li> <li>• Tacoma</li> <li>• Unincorporated Pierce</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fircrest</li> <li>• University Place</li> <li>• Tacoma</li> <li>• Unincorporated Pierce</li> </ul>

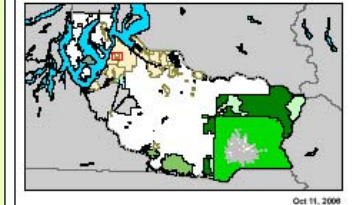
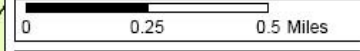
# CITY OF FIRCREST - BASEMAP



### LEGEND

- FIRCREST
- PARKS/OPEN SPACE
- OTHER CITIES
- WATER BODY
- RIVERS/STREAMS
- PIERCE COUNTY BOUNDARY
- LIMITED ACCESS HIGHWAY
- MAJOR ROAD
- ROADS

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# Population Summary

## Demographics

**Table 2-1 Population<sup>3, 4, 5, 6</sup>**

Jurisdiction	Population	Population Density (people/sq mi)	Population Served	Projected Year 2017 Population Change (%)	Projected Population Density	Projected 2017 Population Served
City of Fircrest	5,868	4,663	5,868	1.37%	5,160	8,050
Region 5	700,820	418	700,820	1.04%	435	729,471

## Special Populations

**Table 2-2 Special Populations<sup>7</sup>**

Jurisdiction	Population	Population 65 Plus	% of Total	Population Under 18	% of Total
City of Fircrest	5,868	1,196	20%	1,353	23%
Region 5	700,820	71,620	10.2%	190,569	27.2%
WA State	5,894,121	662,148	11.2%	1,513,843	25.7%

# Infrastructure Summary

## General

**Table 2-5 Parcel Summary<sup>8</sup>**

Jurisdiction	# Parcels	Land Value	Average Land Value	Improved Value	Average Improved Value
City of Fircrest	2,494	\$383,519,400	\$153,777	\$412,143,700	\$165,254
Region 5	292,666	39,054,414,761	\$133,444	\$47,992,756,413	\$163,985

Jurisdiction	Total Assessed Value	Average Assessed Value
City of Fircrest	\$795,663,100	\$319,031
Region 5	\$87,047,171,174	\$297,428

**Table 2-6 Housing Summary<sup>9</sup>**

Jurisdiction	# Houses	Housing Density	Avg Year Built	Avg Year Built (%)
City of Fircrest	2,573	1,649	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• &gt;1939: 113</li> <li>• 1940-1979: 1,980</li> <li>• 1980-2000: 471</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• &gt;1939: 4.4%</li> <li>• 1940-1979: 77.2%</li> <li>• 1980-2000: 18.8%</li> </ul>
Region 5	277,060	165	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• &gt;1939: 34,857</li> <li>• 1940-1979: 133,531</li> <li>• 1980-2000: 108,672</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• &gt;1939: 12.6%</li> <li>• 1940-1979: 48.2%</li> <li>• 1980-2000: 39.2%</li> </ul>

## Jurisdiction Infrastructure

The following table shows the overview of infrastructure owned by the City of Fircrest. The infrastructure is categorized according to the infrastructure sectors as designated by the Department of Homeland Security. This chart is intended as a summary only.

For further details on Department of Homeland Security infrastructure sectors, please see the Process Section 1.

**Table 2-7 Owned Infrastructure<sup>10</sup>**

Total Infrastructure	Emerg. Services	Tele-comm	Transportation	Water	Energy	Government	Commercial	Total Value (\$)
27	1	0	2	17	0	7	0	\$26,490,776

# City of Fircrest Comprehensive Plan Land Use

## Legend

- Low Density Residential
- Low Density Residential - Community Conservation
- Medium Density Residential
- Medium Density Residential Traditional Community Design
- High Density Residential
- Neighborhood Commercial
- Neighborhood Commercial Special Planning Area
- Community Commercial
- Park, Recreation, and Open Space
- Public and Quasi-Public Facilities
- USA
- Urban Service Area

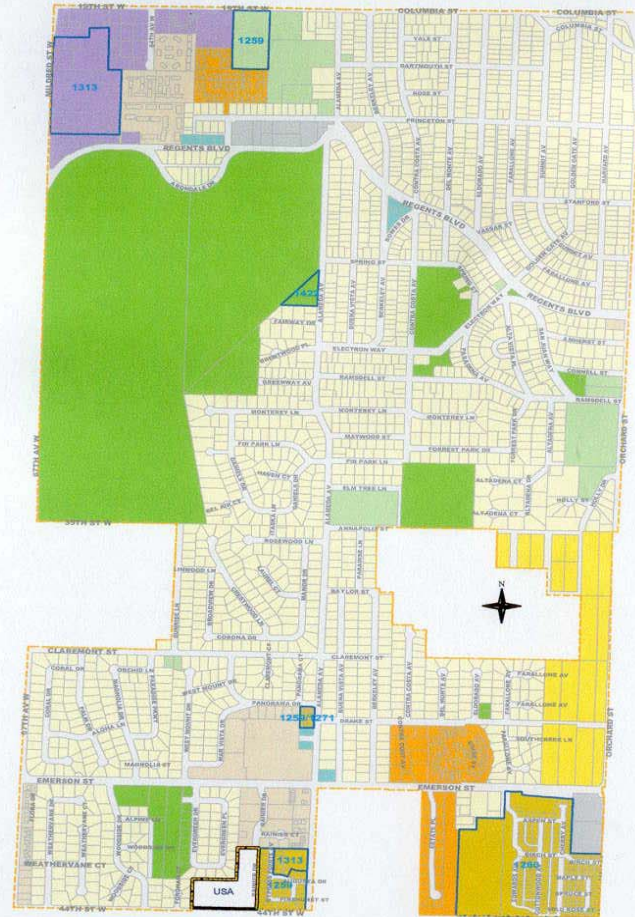
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# Economic Summary

**Table 2-8 Fiscal Summary<sup>11</sup>**

Jurisdiction	Operating Costs (per month)	Operating Budgeted Revenues <sup>12</sup>	Operating Budgeted Expenditures <sup>13</sup>	Fund Balance as % of Operating Cost	Avg Fund Balance (5 yrs)
City of Fircrest	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available

**Table 2-9 Employment Profile<sup>14</sup>**

Employment Category (SIC)	City of Fircrest	Pierce County
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing, Mining and Hunting	0	3,126
Construction	144	24,340
FIRES (Finance, Insurance, Real Estate, and Services)	170	18,212
Wholesale Trade	66	13,919
Transportation and Warehousing and Utilities	140	21,555
Manufacturing	275	39,511
Retail	388	39,408
Education, Health and Social Services	658	65,256
Professional, Scientific, Management, Administrative, Waste Management	272	23,095
Public Administration	163	18,363

**Table 2-10 Economic Summary<sup>15</sup>**

Jurisdiction	Unemployment Rate
City of Fircrest	4.2%
Region 5	6.5%
WA State	6.2%

# Resource Directory

## Regional

- **City of Fircrest**  
<http://www.cityoffircrest.net>
- **Pierce County Government**  
<http://www.piercecountywa.org/PC/>
- **Pierce County DEM**  
<http://www.piercecountywa.org/pc/abtus/ourorg/dem/abtusdem.htm>
- **Pierce County PALS**  
<http://www.piercecountywa.org/pc/services/home/property/pals/palsmain.htm>
- **Municipal Research & Services Center of Washington (MRSC)**  
<http://www.mrsc.org>

## National

- **US Census**  
[www.census.gov/](http://www.census.gov/)

# Endnotes

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<sup>1</sup> Information from survey compiled by the City.

<sup>2</sup> Information from Pierce County GIS application, CountyView Pro (7/06).

<sup>3</sup> “Population” information from Census 2000, Office of Financial Management (OFM). It should be noted that current (as of July 2007) population of City of Fircrest is reported by the Office of Financial Management as 6,270.

<sup>4</sup> “Projected Population Change (%)” from Pierce County Buildable Lands Report, Sept 2002.

<sup>5</sup> “Projected Population Density” is based on an assumption of the jurisdiction maintaining the same geographic area and boundaries. It does not consider changes in annexation, district mergers, etc.

<sup>6</sup> “Projected 2017 Population” from Pierce County Buildable Lands Report, Sept 2002.

<sup>7</sup> Information from Pierce County GIS application, CountyView Pro projected for 2007.

<sup>8</sup> Information from Pierce County GIS application, CountyView Pro projected for 2007.

<sup>9</sup> Information from Census 2000, Office of Financial Management.

<sup>10</sup> Information obtained from Jurisdiction from Infrastructure Matrix.

<sup>11</sup> Information not available at time of publication.

<sup>12</sup> Non-Capital

<sup>13</sup> Non-Capital

<sup>14</sup> Information from Census 2000, Office of Financial Management.

<sup>15</sup> Information from Census 2000, Office of Financial Management.