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## Orting School District No. 344 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

#### Services available:

- Accessible voting using a touch screen marking tool — Large font, color contrast, and audible ballot options available.
- 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](http://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](http://PierceCountyElections.org)  
[pcelections@co.pierce.wa.us](mailto:pcelections@co.pierce.wa.us)  
(253) 798-VOTE (8683) or (800) 446-4979



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# Orting School District No. 344

## Special Election - Proposition No. 1 Replacement Educational Programs and Operations Levy

See complete resolution text at  
PierceCountyElections.org

### Ballot Title

The Board of Directors of Orting School District No. 344 adopted Resolution No. 4.2017-2018 concerning a proposition for a replacement levy for education. 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, for support of the District's educational programs and operations expenses not funded by the state of Washington:

Collection Year	Estimated Levy Rate/\$1,000 Assessed Value	Levy Amount
2019	\$1.50	\$3,300,000
2020	\$1.50	\$3,900,000

all as provided in Resolution No. 4.2017-2018. Should Proposition No. 1 be approved?

### Explanatory Statement

Passage of Proposition 1 would allow the Orting School District to replace an existing educational programs and operations levy that will expire at the end of calendar year 2018. The proposed two-year replacement educational programs and operations levy would authorize collection of taxes to provide \$3,300,000 in 2019 and \$3,900,000 in 2020. The tax levy rate required to produce these levy amounts is estimated to be \$1.50 per \$1,000 of assessed value in 2019 and \$1.50 per \$1,000 of assessed value in 2020. Based on recent changes to state law that reduce the District's educational programs and operations levy, overall tax rates for combined District levies will decrease starting in 2019. Even with passage of this proposition, the District anticipates a tax rate decrease from \$3.99 in 2018 to \$1.50 in 2019.

The taxes collected by this levy will be used to pay expenses of educational programs and operations that are not fully funded by the State of Washington, including additional staffing, teacher training, extracurricular and athletic programs, transportation services, student technology and facility maintenance and operation.

Exemptions from taxes may be available to certain homeowners. To determine if you qualify, call the Pierce County Assessor at 253.798.2169.

### Statement For

#### Vote yes for our kids and our schools!

Our schools are the heart of Orting where 2,629 children learn and thrive. They deserve the best. We urge voters to approve the February 13th Educational Program and Maintenance Replacement Levy. This levy replaces the M&O Levy expiring 2018 and is not a new tax. Upon approval, tax rates will decrease significantly to a rate of \$1.50 per \$1,000 assessed value (current rate is \$3.99 per \$1,000 AV.) The district is eligible to receive state levy equalization funding once approved.

Levy monies account for a significant portion of the district's budget to pay for crucial services: safety, security, technology, counselors, classroom materials, facilities maintenance, athletics, extracurricular clubs, music, and more.

#### 50% yes vote is needed

Approval of this replacement Levy will ensure the District's ability to provide quality programs needed. Please, join your friends, family, and neighbors in supporting our Orting kids! Follow Citizen's for Orting Schools on Facebook for ongoing information.

**Committee Member:** Kristina Linkem, kristinalinkem3@gmail.com, yesorting.webs.com  
Citizen's for Orting Schools

### Statement Against

No statement was submitted against this issue.

# 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!

**Committee Members:** Gina Blanchard-Reed, Ryan Portmann, and Lukas Wahl, YesGrahamFire@gmail.com  
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.

**Committee Members:** Gerald Gustafson, quaysplace@hotmail.com, Robert Skaggs, and Terry Kindle  
Citizens Against Unreasonable Taxation