

CENTRAL PIERCE FIRE & RESCUE

RESOLUTION NO. 22-04

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CENTRAL PIERCE FIRE & RESCUE, DECLARING THE INTENT TO CONTINUE A VOTER – AUTHORIZED BENEFIT CHARGE EACH YEAR FOR AN ADDITIONAL SIX (6) YEARS AND CALLING FOR AN ELECTION WITHIN THE DISTRICT ON NOVEMBER 8, 2022, OF A PROPOSITION TO CONTINUE THE VOTER-AUTHORIZED BENEFIT CHARGE ON IMPROVEMENTS TO REAL PROPERTY WITHIN THE DISTRICT FOR UP TO SIX YEARS.

WHEREAS, the District is authorized by Chapter 52.18 RCW to establish, impose and collect a Benefit Charge on personal property and improvements to real property located within the District, and

WHEREAS, the District has heretofore received voter approval to so establish and impose a Benefit Charge, which was continued again by voter approval in 2006, 2011 and 2016 for an additional six years; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Fire Commissioners has determined that the regular property tax levy and other income for 2023 and subsequent years will not be sufficient to cover the operating costs of the District, in order to maintain a satisfactory level of service by the District to its citizens and residents; and

WHEREAS, the District's level of service provided for fire and emergency medical services will actually have to be reduced unless the Benefit Charge is continued; and

WHEREAS, the Benefit Charge will be reasonably proportioned to the measurable benefits that each property receives from the services by the District;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CENTRAL PIERCE FIRE & RESCUE, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Benefit Charge. It is the declared intent of the District to continue the previously voter-authorized benefit charge on improvements to real property located within Central Pierce Fire & Rescue, to be paid by the owners of such property.

Section 2. Amount of Benefit Charge. The amount of the Benefit Charge for each year shall be set in the year preceding imposition of the charge, after a public hearing to review and establish the amount of the benefit charges for the subsequent year, pursuant to RCW 52.18.060.

Section 3. Effective Date. The continued Benefit Charge would be fixed and imposed on the affected property, effective January 1, 2023, if reauthorized by the voters.

Section 4. Notice of the Benefit Charge. Pursuant to RCW 52.18.060 and 52.18.070, property owners will be notified in writing of the benefit charge and the amounts thereof, subsequent to the public hearing referred to in section 2 above, and prior to the formation or convening of a benefit charge review board by the Commissioners. Such review board shall be convened and available for a two-week period, to hear and decide written complaints from aggrieved property owners who, in their opinion, have been charged improperly.

Section 5. Election. Pursuant to RCW 52.18.050, there shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the District for their approval or rejection, at the primary election of November 8, 2022, the question whether to continue voter-authorized benefit charge for fire protection. The continued imposition of a six-year benefit charge authorized by chapter 52.18 RCW must be approved by a simple majority of the voters of the district. The Secretary of the District is authorized and directed to request the Auditor of Pierce County to call said election, the ballot title for which is to be substantially as prescribed by RCW 52.18.050, as follows:

PROPOSITION TWO

**CENTRAL PIERCE FIRE & RESCUE
REAUTHORIZING FIRE BENEFIT CHARGE**

Shall Central Pierce Fire & Rescue be reauthorized to continue voter-authorized benefit charges each year for six consecutive years, not to exceed an amount equal to sixty percent of its operating budget, and be prohibited from imposing an additional property tax under RCW 52.16.160?

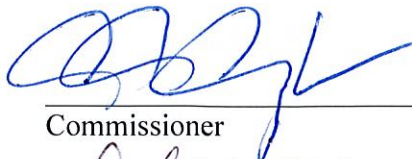
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Section 6. In the event that this proposition is approved by voters in the primary election, the auditor shall consider this resolution to be null and void.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, THAT RESOLUTION NO. 22-04 MOVED AND PASSED AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS FOR CENTRAL PIERCE FIRE & RESCUE ON THE 11 DAY OF JULY, 2022 OF WHICH ALL COMMISSIONERS WERE NOTIFIED AND AT WHICH 5 WERE PRESENT AND VOTING.



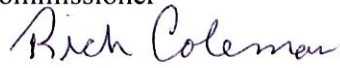
Chairman



Commissioner



Commissioner



Commissioner



Commissioner

Attest:



District Secretary

Approved as to form:



ERIC T. QUINN, WSBA #47354
Attorney for District

Central Pierce Fire & Rescue Explanatory Statement Proposition 2

Election Date: November 8, 2022

Name of Jurisdiction

Submitting Measure: Central Pierce Fire & Rescue

Contact Name: Dustin Morrow, Fire Chief

Contact Phone Number: (253) 345-1258

Explanatory Statement:

The Fire Benefit Charge (FBC) has been in place throughout the District since 1991 and currently provides 36% of Central Pierce Fire & Rescue's operating budget. Every six years, approval to continue the use of the FBC funding model is required by state law. Support of the FBC for another six years will allow CPFR to maintain response times and service levels for fire protection and emergency medical aid calls.

The FBC is calculated based on occupancy type and square footage of structures. It reflects a direct and proportional assessment of the cost of providing appropriate fire protection services. Each year the Board of Commissioners reviews the FBC in a public hearing to ensure fiscal responsibility of this funding for the coming year. Revenue derived from the FBC is restricted by state law to not exceed 60% of CPFR's operating budget. When the FBC is in place, state law prohibits imposing an additional property tax of fifty (50) cents per thousand dollars of assessed property value for fire protection services otherwise allowed by law. The District allows certain discounts for senior citizens and for buildings with approved fire sprinkler systems.

Explanatory Statement Approved by Eric Quinn, Attorney at Law

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**Central Pierce Fire & Rescue
Special Election – Proposition No. 2
Re-authorizing Fire Benefit Charge**

Official Ballot Title: Shall Central Pierce Fire & Rescue be re-authorized to continue voter-authorized benefit charges each year for six consecutive years, not to exceed an amount equal to sixty percent of its operating budget, and be prohibited from imposing an additional property tax under RCW 52.16.160?

Yes...[]

No ...[]