

Pierce County Fire Protection District No. 6

(Central Pierce Fire & Rescue)

GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS - \$36,000,000



Official Ballot Title:

The Board of Fire Commissioners of Pierce County Fire Protection District No. 6 (Central Pierce Fire & Rescue) adopted Resolution #08-02 concerning fire protection district facility bonds. This proposition authorizes the District to construct, repair and acquire District facilities, including acquiring emergency generators, making seismic and fire code upgrades, and replacing three fire stations, to issue \$36,000,000 of general obligation bonds maturing within a maximum term of 20 years to finance such improvements, and to levy property taxes annually in excess of regular property tax levies to repay such bonds, as provided in Resolution #08-02.

Should Proposition No. 1 be approved or rejected?

Explanatory Statement:

The governing board of Central Pierce Fire & Rescue (Pierce County Fire Protection District No. 6) has adopted a resolution, authorizing the issuance of general obligation bonds to finance capital improvements at four fire stations and to replace three existing stations. The Board of Commissioners has called for an election, asking the district's registered voters to authorize up to \$36,000,000.00 in such bonds. The levy rate is estimated to be \$.15 per thousand of assessed valuation, costing a typical homeowner (\$300,000 home) \$45.00 per year or \$3.75 per month.

The above amount is within the authorized debt limit of the fire district. The maximum term of such bonds, by law, may not exceed twenty years.

Capital projects to be funded by these bonds include replacing the Parkland and Midland stations, relocating the Sunrise Station, upgrading the South Hill, Spanaway, Brookdale and Bethel/Elk Plain Stations with seismic upgrades, new emergency generators, and bringing the stations into conformity with modern building codes. The District will also improve its training center by remodeling an existing building into a functional instructional facility.

Exemptions may apply for homeowners age 61 years or older, the disabled, and who meet income requirements set by state law.

Statement For:

Central Pierce Fire and Rescue needs your support! Tax payers have not been asked to pass a Facilities Bond since 1984. We desire to bring our facilities into the 21st Century. We believe you will agree.

Since 1984, population growth and new housing in our service area has increased dramatically. More residents place additional demands on our services. We responded to 15,656 various incidents in 2007.

When minutes count, you will continue to receive the best services for your tax dollars. Just think: for the cost of a latte per month, you can support this Facilities Bond!

The cost is reasonable. The owner of an average-priced home (\$300,000) would pay \$3.75 per month, or, \$45 annually, for twenty years.

Community support is wide-ranging. These citizens' groups endorse the bond: N. Collins; Parkland; Midland; So. Hill; Summit/Waller; Fredrickson; Spanaway. Won't you join your neighbors by voting "Yes?"

Committee Members: David Artis (253) 535-4769 and Gail Aardappel

Statement Against:

No statement was submitted against this issue.

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