

## How to Register to Vote

You must be a citizen of the United States; at least 18 years of age by the date of the next election; a resident of Pierce County; and not presently denied your civil rights as a result of a felony conviction. You may obtain a form online at [vote.wa.gov](http://vote.wa.gov), register at the Pierce County Elections Department, 2401 S 35th St, Rm 200, Tacoma, or a form can be mailed to you by calling (253) 798-VOTE (8683) or 1-800-446-4979. If you register by mail, your application must be postmarked at least 30 days prior to an election to vote (March 24, 2007). If you are a new registrant in Washington State, you may register to vote in person at the Elections Department no less than 15 days prior to the election (April 9, 2007).

## Address or Name Change

If you move, be sure to notify the Auditor's Office of your new address, either by using the online address change form - [piercecountywa.org/auditor](http://piercecountywa.org/auditor) or call (253) 798-VOTE (8683). If your name has changed, you will need to submit a new registration form to update your signature.

## Cancellation of Registration

You will only be removed from the registration files if you fill out a cancellation card or register to vote in another county or state. If a voter is deceased, another voter may fill out a card to cancel his or her registration.



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**Special Election – April 24, 2007**  
**East Pierce Fire & Rescue**  
**Fire Protection District No. 22**  
**Official Local Voters' Pamphlet**

## Vote By Mail Election Only

## If you want to vote by mail permanently, please fill out this form and send it in.



If you already receive your ballot by mail for every election, you do not need to fill this out.

Permanent Absentee Ballot Request Form	
Permanent Request <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Send To:</b> Pat McCarthy, Pierce County Auditor 2401 S 35th St, Rm 200, Tacoma, WA 98409 (253) 798-VOTE (8683) • 1-800-446-4979
Print Name as Registered	
Print Address Where You Live	
City/Town	Zip Code
Date of Birth	Home Phone Number
Year-Round Mailing Address (required if different from address where you live)	
City/Town	Zip Code
<b>X</b> Signature of Applicant	Date

## Special Election - April 24, 2007

East Pierce Fire & Rescue has requested that this election be conducted entirely by mail. You should receive your ballot by Friday, April 13, 2007. Ballots may be returned by mail or dropped off at the following Express Booth locations:



**Bonney Lake Fred Meyer 20901 State Route 410**

**East Pierce Fire & Rescue Station in South Prairie 350 State Route 162**

**Express Booths are open: Friday, April 20 through Tuesday, April 24 from 7:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.**

Voted ballots may also be dropped off any time on or before Election Day at the Pierce County Auditor's Office at 2401 S 35th Street, Room 200, between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday - Friday or at the Pierce County Auditor's Election Center 24-hour drop box located at 3009 S 36th Street in Tacoma. This box is closed at 8:00 p.m. on Election night.

If you need a replacement ballot: contact Pierce County Elections at (253) 798-VOTE (8683)/ (800) 446-4979 or appear in person on or before April 23, 2007 at 2401 S 35th Street, Room 200, Tacoma, Washington, between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., or on April 24, 2007 (Election Day) between 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.

[www.piercecountywa.org/auditor](http://www.piercecountywa.org/auditor)

**Special Election - Proposition No. 1**  
**Submitted by Pierce County Fire Protection District No. 22**  
**(East Pierce Fire and Rescue)**  
**RE-AUTHORIZING PREVIOUSLY EXISTING PROPERTY TAX LEVY RATE**

**Official Ballot Title:** The Board of Fire Commissioners of Pierce County Fire Protection District No. 22 (East Pierce Fire and Rescue) passed Resolution No. 549 proposing to re-authorize the previously existing regular property tax levy rate. If passed, Proposition No. 1 would permit the District to levy for collection beginning in 2008 the regular property tax at the rate of \$1.50 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation, which is the rate authorized previously by the voters, thereby lifting the revenue limitation in Chapter 84.55 RCW. Should Proposition No. 1 be approved or rejected?

**Explanatory Statement:** East Pierce Fire and Rescue (Pierce County Fire Protection District #22) is placing an emergency services lid lift proposition on the April 24, 2007 ballot. This proposition will maintain the current level of fire suppression, rescue, and fire prevention services. This measure will re-authorize the property tax levy rate of \$1.50 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation.

This proposition meets the requirement of Initiative 747, which was enacted by voters in 2001, mandating that any increase in revenue of more than 1%, over the previous year, be approved by voters. The voters previously approved the property tax levy rate of \$1.50; this would re-establish that authorized amount.

Approval of this proposition would restore the regular tax levy rate of \$1.50 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation in 2008, and would allow the Fire District to maintain the high level of services it provides to the community. Rejection of this proposition would lead to the loss of approximately \$2,600,000 in projected tax revenue, which could affect the Fire District's ability to continue its level of services.

<b>Statement For:</b>	<b>Statement Against:</b>
<p>Help our fire department keep pace with <b>increased demands and rising costs</b>, by voting to <b>restore</b> its funding. Please vote Yes on the lid lift – Proposition One.</p> <p><b>This is not a new tax.</b> The fire services “lid lift” simply restores the funding level previously authorized by the voters, and would <b>maintain current fire suppression, rescue, and fire prevention services</b> to our community.</p> <p>Basic operating costs for our fire department (East Pierce Fire &amp; Rescue), including fuel prices and equipment, have gone up significantly.</p> <p>Rapid growth in our community has caused <b>emergency calls to increase by more than 42%</b> in the last 3 years.</p> <p>Your Yes vote will make sure our fire department can continue to provide prompt and efficient fire suppression, rescue, and fire prevention services.</p> <p>Please vote Yes to <b>restore our fire department’s funding</b>.</p> <p><i>Committee Members: Zane Gibson, Mike McGinnis and Rick Kuss</i></p>	<p>No statement was submitted against this issue.</p> <p><i>This space is available each election for citizens and/or committees opposing measures to publish a Statement Against. For information, contact the Pierce County Auditor’s Office at (253) 798-VOTE (8683).</i></p>

**Special Election - Proposition No. 2**  
**Submitted by Pierce County Fire Protection District No. 22**  
**(East Pierce Fire and Rescue)**  
**RE-AUTHORIZING PREVIOUSLY EXISTING EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES PROPERTY TAX LEVY RATE**

**Official Ballot Title:** The Board of Fire Commissioners of Pierce County Fire Protection District No. 22 (East Pierce Fire and Rescue) passed Resolution No. 550 proposing to re-authorize the previously existing EMS property tax levy rate. If passed, Proposition No. 2 would permit the District to levy for collection in 2008 the regular property tax at the rate of \$.50 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation, which is the rate authorized previously by the voters, thereby lifting the revenue limitation in Chapter 84.55 RCW. Should Proposition No. 2 be approved or rejected?

**Explanatory Statement:** East Pierce Fire & Rescue is placing an emergency services lid lift proposition on the April 24, 2007 ballot. This proposition will re-authorize the property tax levy rate for emergency medical services of \$.50 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation. It would provide funds necessary to operate and maintain emergency medical aid vehicles staffed by emergency medical technicians and paramedics.

This proposition meets the requirement of Initiative 747, which was enacted by voters in 2001, mandating that any increase in revenue of more than 1%, over the previous year, be approved by voters. In 2005, voters approved the EMS tax levy rate of \$.50; this would re-establish that authorized amount.

Approval of this proposition would restore the EMS tax levy rate of \$.50 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation in 2008, and would allow the Fire District to maintain the high level of services it provides to the community. Rejection of this proposition would lead to the loss of approximately \$865,000 in projected tax revenue, which could affect the Fire District's ability to continue its level of services.

<b>Statement For:</b>	<b>Statement Against:</b>
<p>Help our fire department keep pace with <b>increased demands and rising costs</b>, by voting to <b>restore</b> its funding. Please vote Yes on the lid lift – Proposition Two.</p> <p><b>This is not a new tax.</b> The Emergency Medical Services “lid lift” simply restores the funding level previously authorized by the voters, and would <b>maintain current emergency medical services</b> to our community.</p> <p>Basic operating costs for our fire department (East Pierce Fire and Rescue), including fuel prices, medical supplies, and equipment costs, have gone up significantly.</p> <p>Rapid growth in our community has caused <b>medical emergency calls to increase by more than 42%</b> in the last 3 years.</p> <p>This proposition restores funds for emergency aid vehicles, medical technicians, and paramedics, as well as the equipment and supplies needed to ensure quick and efficient medical response.</p> <p>Please vote Yes to <b>restore our fire department’s Emergency Medical Services funding</b>.</p> <p><i>Committee Members: Zane Gibson, Mike McGinnis and Rick Kuss</i></p>	<p>No statement was submitted against this issue.</p> <p><i>This space is available each election for citizens and/or committees opposing measures to publish a Statement Against. For information, contact the Pierce County Auditor’s Office at (253) 798-VOTE (8683).</i></p>