

Special Election - Proposition No. 1
Submitted by Pierce County Fire Protection District No. 12
MERGER OF DISTRICT NO. 12 INTO DISTRICT NO. 22



Official Ballot Title:

The Board of Commissioners of Pierce County Fire Protection District No. 12 adopted a resolution to merge with Pierce County Fire Protection District No. 22. If approved, Proposition No. 1 would result in a merger of District 12 into District 22, thereby creating one fire protection district under the name of Pierce County Fire Protection District No. 22, which is commonly known as East Pierce Fire and Rescue. Should this proposed merger be approved or rejected?

Explanatory Statement:

The Board of Fire Commissioners of Fire Protection District No. 12 has passed a resolution petitioning to merge that fire district into Pierce County Fire Protection District No. 22 (East Pierce Fire & Rescue). For several years, fire protection and emergency medical services have been provided to the residents of District No. 12 under a contract providing for consolidation with Pierce County Fire Protection District No. 22.

The consolidation has been successful. Therefore the Board of Fire Commissioners of District No. 22 has accepted the petition to merge and both Boards have requested this election. If a majority of the registered voters of District No. 12 vote for merger, then the merger will be effective upon certification of election results. Approval of merger will not change the delivery of services, which have been unified already under the consolidation agreement. If merger is approved, District No. 12 will be dissolved and its assets transferred to District No. 22. The employees and volunteers of District No. 12 will continue with District No. 22.

Statement For:

The merger of Fire District 12 and East Pierce Fire District 22 is the *final important step* to completing the *partnership that has worked so well for the past three years*.

This partnership has resulted in quicker responses to emergencies, more efficient use of tax dollars and better training for firefighters.

Working together, the fire districts now provide *ambulance service* to residents at *no out-of-pocket cost* and, for the first time, the fire station on 234th Avenue is staffed *24 hours a day with firefighter/paramedics*.

While the merger unifies the management of the fire departments, all the fire stations will remain in place, with the same firefighters and paramedics.

By voting to merge the two districts, you guarantee this level of protection and service will continue. This is what *more efficient local government is all about!*

Statement Against:

No statement was submitted against this issue.

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Statement Prepared By: Lon Snope, Darrell Seymour, Mark Nevill

Special Election - Proposition No. 1
Submitted by Pierce County Fire Protection District No. 20
MERGER OF DISTRICT NO. 20 INTO DISTRICT NO. 22



Official Ballot Title:

The Board of Commissioners of Pierce County Fire Protection District No. 20 adopted a resolution to merge with Pierce County Fire Protection District No. 22. If approved, Proposition No. 1 would result in a merger of District 20 into District 22, thereby creating one fire protection district under the name of Pierce County Fire Protection District No. 22, which is commonly known as East Pierce Fire and Rescue. Should this proposed merger be approved or rejected?

Explanatory Statement:

The Board of Fire Commissioners of Fire Protection District No. 20 has passed a resolution petitioning to merge that fire district into Pierce County Fire Protection District No. 22 (East Pierce Fire & Rescue). For several years, fire protection and emergency medical services have been provided to the residents of District No. 20 under a contract providing for consolidation with Pierce County Fire Protection District No. 22.

The consolidation has been successful. Therefore the Board of Fire Commissioners of District No. 22 has accepted the petition to merge and both Boards have requested this election. If a majority of the registered voters of District No. 20 vote for merger, then the merger will be effective upon certification of election results. Approval of merger will not change the delivery of services, which have been unified already under the consolidation agreement. If merger is approved, District No. 20 will be dissolved and its assets transferred to District No. 22. The employees and volunteers of District No. 20 will continue with District No. 22.

A simultaneous merger election, to merge Pierce County Fire Protection District No. 12 into District No. 22, is scheduled for the same date.

Statement For:

Voting to merge Fire District 20 and East Pierce Fire District 22 is the *final important step* to completing the *partnership that has worked so well for the past three years*.

This partnership has resulted in quicker responses to emergencies, more efficient use of tax dollars and better training for firefighters. It has increased the number of full and part-time firefighter/paramedics and volunteers who respond to fires, rescues and medical emergencies in our community and has allowed us to establish an *ambulance service* to residents at *no out-of-pocket cost*.

While the merger unifies the management of the fire departments, our South Prairie fire station and volunteers will continue to protect the community.

By voting to merge the two districts, you guarantee this level of protection and service will continue. This is what *more efficient local government is all about!*

Statement Prepared By: Mark Nevill, Darrell Seymour, Lon Snope

Statement Against:

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