

# Special Election - Proposition No. 1

## Submitted by Pierce County

### Authorizing Annexation of the City of Milton into Pierce County Fire Protection District No. 22 (East Pierce Fire & Rescue)

#### Official Ballot Title

Shall the City of Milton be annexed to and be a part of Pierce County Fire Protection District No. 22 (East Pierce Fire & Rescue)?

#### Explanatory Statement

The City Council of Milton has passed Resolution No. 12-1825, seeking voter approval for the annexation of the City of Milton into Pierce County Fire Protection District No. 22 (East Pierce Fire & Rescue) for fire protection and emergency medical services (EMS). East Pierce Fire & Rescue, by a resolution of its Board of Commissioners has concurred in the annexation request. For more than two years, the City has contracted with East Pierce for fire protection and emergency medical services (EMS) within the City. If a majority of the registered voters within the City, and a majority of the registered voters within the fire district, approve the annexation, Milton will no longer need a city fire department.

If annexation is approved, there will be no change in the delivery of services or the level of services. Ownership of the city's fire department apparatus and equipment will transfer to East Pierce Fire & Rescue, which will use the Milton fire stations. Ownership of the stations will remain with the City of Milton.

#### Statement For

##### **Vote Yes to Annex Milton into East Pierce Fire and Rescue**

Your local firefighters and paramedics urge you to vote *Yes* to annex Milton into EPFR.

The annexation will keep quality emergency services that you have come to expect. Emergency services costs have increased dramatically, annexing Milton into East Pierce Fire will sustain consistent, quality services in the future by allowing our communities to pool resources. East Pierce will continue to receive the *High* quality emergency and fire services, rapid response times and no out of pocket expense ambulance transports.

##### **No Tax Increases...**

This annexation is an administrative change for East Pierce residents, services are already provided by contract. It will *Not* increase the fire district costs to provide services. Please vote *Yes* to annex Milton into East Pierce Fire and Rescue.

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#### Statement Against

No statement was submitted against this issue.