

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

This Proposition concerns fire protection and emergency medical services in the City of Milton (Milton).

The Milton City Council passed resolution 12-1825 seeking voter approval for the annexation of Milton into Pierce County Fire Protection District No. 22 (East Pierce Fire & Rescue) for fire protection and emergency medical services. If voters from Milton and East Pierce Fire & Rescue both approve this Proposition, Milton will no longer need a city fire department. Instead, upon annexation, fire protection and emergency medical services in Milton will be provided by East Pierce Fire & Rescue. Also upon annexation, ownership of the city's fire department apparatus and equipment will transfer to East Pierce Fire & Rescue. East Pierce Fire & Rescue will have use of fire stations in Milton to provide protection and services, but ownership of the stations will remain Milton's.

Milton has already been contracting with East Pierce Fire & Rescue since 2010 to provide fire protection and emergency medical services. As a result, annexation is not expected to change delivery or the level of services at Milton.

Statement For

Vote Yes to Annex Milton into East Pierce Fire & Rescue

Your local firefighters and paramedics urge you to vote *Yes* to annex Milton into East Pierce Fire and Rescue.

Annexation will keep quality emergency services in Milton. Emergency services cost have increased dramatically. Joining East Pierce fire gives Milton residents high quality emergency and fire protection, rapid response times, and *no out of pocket expense ambulance transports* that are unaffordable otherwise. Annexation sustains consistent, quality, emergency services in the future by pooling resources with neighboring communities.

Annexation will Improve Representation, Consistency, and Oversight for voters.

The annexation formalizes the current service agreement between East Pierce fire and City of Milton. It gives Milton voters a direct voice in District policies and will equalize levy rates. Milton will still receive the same high quality Fire and EMS services. *Vote Yes to join East Pierce Fire and Rescue.*

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Statement Against

No statement was submitted against this issue.