

**Pierce County Fire Protection District 16 Explanatory Statement
Proposition 1 – Four-year levy**

Election Date: August 4, 2020

**Name of Jurisdiction
Submitting Measure:** Key Peninsula Fire Department
(Pierce County Fire District No. 16)

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Pierce County Fire Protection District No. 16 (the Key Peninsula Fire Department) is requesting approval of a maintenance and operation levy for a period of four years. This M&O levy will supplement the fire district's regular and EMS levies to maintain an adequate level of service. The current regular and EMS levies are insufficient to provide appropriate fire and emergency medical services to the Key Peninsula area. The fire district's call volume has increased by approximately 28% since 2012.

This levy will fund over 9% of the fire district's operating budget in 2021. It will cost approximately \$.25 per thousand dollars of assessed value in 2021. In 2021, a taxpayer with the average home value of \$400,000.00 would anticipate an increased tax of \$100.00 per year if the levy is passed. If this M&O levy is approved by the voters, the law prohibits any further tax levies for maintenance and operational support of the fire district during this four-year period.

Key Peninsula voters have approved four-year M&O levies for the fire district before, in 2012 and 2016. This election allows for a continuation or renewal of the M&O levy from 2021-2024.

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