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**PIERCE COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 14**  
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**PIERCE COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 14**  
**RIVERSIDE FIRE & RESCUE**  
**RESOLUTION NO. 362**

**RESOLUTION TO SUBMIT AN EMS LEVY**  
**GENERAL ELECTION - NOVEMBER 3, 2020**

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF PIERCE COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT No. 14 (RIVERSIDE FIRE & RESCUE) PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE DISTRICT AT AN ELECTION TO BE HELD WITHIN THE DISTRICT ON NOVEMBER 3, 2020, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE STATE GENERAL ELECTION OF A PROPOSITION AUTHORIZING THE CONTINUATION OF AN EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES PROPERTY TAX LEVY NOT TO EXCEED \$.50 PER \$1,000.00 OF TRUE AND ASSESSED VALUATION, IN ADDITION TO ITS REGULAR PROPERTY TAX LEVY, FOR A PERIOD OF SIX CONSECUTIVE YEARS BEGINNING IN 2020 AND ENDING IN 2025 AND TO BE COLLECTED IN EACH SUCCEEDING YEAR (2021-2026) TO PROVIDE FUNDS REQUIRED BY THE DISTRICT TO ENABLE THE DISTRICT TO PROVIDE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES.

**Background:** WHEREAS, the District currently has a six-year EMS levy that was approved by the voters in 2014. The current levy rate is approximately \$.37 per thousand of assessed valuation.

WHEREAS, It is the judgment of the Board of Commissioners of the District that it is essential and necessary for the protection of the health and life of the residents of the District that emergency medical services be provided by the District and that the EMS levy be continued at \$.50 per \$1,000 of assessed property value. Such services will necessitate the expenditure of revenues for maintenance, operations, equipment and personnel in excess of those which can be provided by the District's regular tax levy;

**Resolution:** NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Pierce County Fire District No. 14 as follows:

**Section 1.** In order to provide emergency medical services, it is necessary that the District perform the following functions:

- 1.1 Obtain, operate and maintain emergency medical vehicles and facilities staffed by properly trained emergency medical technicians and other medically trained personnel.
- 1.2 Obtain consumable medical supplies and medical appliances to equip such vehicles and facilities.
- 1.3 Continue to provide the level of service as deemed necessary by the Board of Commissioners of the Fire District.

**Section 2.** In order to provide the revenue adequate to pay the costs of providing adequate life protection services and facilities as described in Section 1 and to maintain reserve funds sufficient to assure the continuation of such services, the District shall continue its EMS levy by levying each year for a period of six consecutive years beginning in 2020 and collect each year for a period of six consecutive years, beginning in 2021, a general tax on taxable property within the District, in addition to the regular levy for maintenance and operation costs, in an amount not to exceed \$.50 per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation of such property.

**Section 3.** In accordance with RCW 84.52.069 the funds raised by such levy shall be used only for the provision of emergency medical services, including related personnel costs, service contract costs, training for such personnel, and related equipment, supplies, vehicles and structures needed for the provision of emergency medical services.

**Section 4.** The District electors previously approved a six year EMS Levy in 2014 at the rate of \$.50 per thousand of assessed valuation. This measure, if approved by the voters, would continue the levy rate of \$.50 per thousand of assessed valuation and continue the levy for six years.

**Section 5.** There shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the District for their ratification or rejection, at the general election on November 3, 2020, the question of whether or not such levy for emergency medical services shall be made each year for a period of six consecutive years, the first levy to be collected in 2021. The Board of Commissioners hereby requests the auditor of Pierce County, as ex-officio Supervisors of Elections to call such election and to submit the following proposition at such election, in the form of a ballot title substantially as follows:

#### PROPOSITION NO.1

Pierce County Fire District No. 14 (Riverside Fire & Rescue) - Board of Commissioners

Emergency Medical Services Property Tax Levy.

Shall Pierce County Fire District No. 14 (Riverside Fire & Rescue) be authorized to continue funding emergency medical services for its citizens with a regular property tax levy of \$.50 or less per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation for a period of six consecutive years to be collected beginning in 2021?

Yes

No

**Section 6.** In accordance with RCW 84.52.069(2), the ballot measure is for a subsequent approval of an expiring EMS Levy and shall require a simple majority vote.

**Section 7.** For purposes of receiving notice of any matters related to the ballot title, as provided in RCW 29A.36.080, the Board hereby designates the Fire Chief as the individuals to whom the County Auditor shall provide such notice.

**Section 8.** The Chief, or designee, is authorized to implement such administrative procedures as may be necessary to carry out the directives of this resolution, including modifying the text of the

ballot title and any other text, language and/or descriptions relative thereto necessary to conform such ballot title, text, language and/or descriptions to the intent of the parties, consistent with the objectives of this resolution.

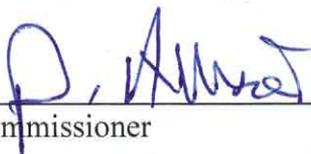
**Section 9.** The Chief, or designee, is hereby authorized and directed, no later than August 4, 2020 to provide to the County Auditor a certified copy of this resolution and the proper District officials are authorized to perform such other duties or take such other actions as are necessary or required by law to the end that the proposition described in this resolution appear on the ballot before the voters at the November 3, 2020 election.

**Section 10.** If any section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this resolution is declared unconstitutional or invalid for any reason, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this resolution.

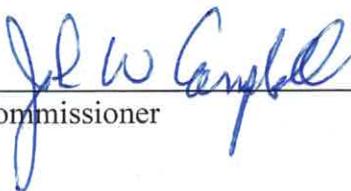
**Section 11.** Any act consistent with the authority and prior to the effective date of this resolution is hereby ratified and affirmed.

**Section 12.** This resolution shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage.

**Adoption:** ADOPTED by the Board of Commissioners of Pierce County Fire District No. 14 at an open public meeting of such Board on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of July 2020, the following commissioners being present and voting:

  
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Commissioner

  
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Commissioner

  
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Commissioner

ATTEST:  
  
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Board Secretary