



**RIVERSIDE FIRE & RESCUE**  
**PIERCE COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 14**  
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**PIERCE COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 14**  
**RIVERSIDE FIRE & RESCUE**  
**RESOLUTION 2020 - 363**

**MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS LEVY RCW 84.52.130**  
**GENERAL ELECTION - NOVEMBER 3, 2020**

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF PIERCE COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 14 (RIVERSIDE FIRE & RESCUE), PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE DISTRICT AT THE GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD WITHIN THE DISTRICT ON NOVEMBER 3, 2020, OF A PROPOSITION AUTHORIZING THE LEVY OF A GENERAL TAX ON THE TAXABLE PROPERTY WITHIN THE DISTRICT IN EXCESS OF CONSTITUTIONAL AND STATUTORY LIMITATIONS IN THE SUM OF \$151,600.00 IN 2020, \$154,600.00 IN 2021, \$157,750.00 IN 2022 AND \$160,900.00 IN 2023 WHICH IS APPROXIMATELY \$.72 PER \$1,000.00 OF TRUE AND ASSESSED VALUATION, TO BE COLLECTED IN EACH SUCCEEDING YEAR TO PROVIDE FUNDS REQUIRED BY THE DISTRICT TO MAINTAIN AND IMPROVE THE LEVEL OF SERVICE IN THE DISTRICT.

**Background:** WHEREAS, the District currently has a 4 year Maintenance and Operations excess levy that was approved by the voters in 2016. The current levy rate is approximately \$.85 per thousand of assessed valuation and expires at the end of this year.

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 the fire and emergency medical services enumerated in this resolution be provided by the District. Such services will necessitate the expenditure of revenues for maintenance and operations in excess of those that can be provided by the District's regular tax levy. The excess levy shall be in the following amounts:

- \$151,600.00 in 2020 for collection in 2021 (estimated levy rate of \$.72 per \$1,000).
- \$154,600.00 in 2021 for collection in 2022 (estimated levy rate of \$.72 per \$1,000).
- \$157,750.00 in 2022 for collection in 2023 (estimated levy rate of \$.72 per \$1,000).
- \$160,900.00 in 2023 for collection in 2024 (estimated levy rate of \$.72 per \$1,000).

**Resolution:** NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Pierce County Fire Protection District No. 14 (Riverside Fire & Rescue), Pierce County, Washington as follows:

**Section 1.** The cost of operating a fire department that provides fire prevention, fire protection and emergency medical services has increased because of the specialized equipment, personnel training and supplies now required by state and federal regulations. The District is not able to sustain service levels provided within the limitations of the District's regular tax levy. The District cannot maintain or improve its existing level of services without additional revenue. The excess levy will permit the District to maintain current levels of service.

**Section 2.** In order to provide revenue adequate to pay the costs of salaries, equipment and facilities necessary to maintain and improve the District's level of service as described in Section 1 of this Resolution and to maintain reserve funds sufficient to assure the continuation of such services, the District shall, levy in 2020 and each succeeding year for a period of four years and collect in the year following the levy, a general tax on taxable property within the District, in excess of the regular levy for maintenance and operation costs, in the in the following amounts:

- \$151,600.00 in 2020 for collection in 2021 (estimated levy rate of \$.72 per \$1,000).
- \$154,600.00 in 2021 for collection in 2022 (estimated levy rate of \$.72 per \$1,000).
- \$157,750.00 in 2022 for collection in 2023 (estimated levy rate of \$.72 per \$1,000).
- \$160,900.00 in 2023 for collection in 2024 (estimated levy rate of \$.72 per \$1,000).

**Section 3.** There shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the District for their approval or rejection, at the general election on November 3, 2020, the question of whether or not such levy for maintenance and operations, in excess of the constitutional and statutory limits, shall be made. The Board of Commissioners hereby requests the Auditor of Pierce County, as ex-officio Supervisor of Elections, call such election, and to submit the following proposition at such election, in the form of a ballot title substantially as follows:

**PROPOSITION NO. 2**

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

The Board of Pierce County Fire Protection District No. 14 (Riverside Fire & Rescue) adopted Resolution 2020-363 concerning a proposition to adequately finance maintenance and operation costs.

This proposition replaces the District's expiring voter approved excess levy and provides for the continued support of fire protection and emergency medical services, facilities, maintenance, staffing and operations by authorizing the District to levy excess taxes in the following amounts over the next four years.

Levy Year	Levy Amount	Collection Year
2020	\$151,600.00	2021
2021	\$154,600.00	2022
2022	\$157,750.00	2023
2023	\$160,900.00	2024

Estimated levy rate of \$.72 per thousand of assessed valuation.

Should this proposition be approved?

YES . . .

NO . . .

**Section 4.** Pursuant to Article VII, Section 2(a) of the Washington State Constitution, the ballot measure shall require approval of 60% percent of the voters if total number of voters voting exceeds 40% of the voters voting at the preceding general election. If the total number of voters voting do not exceed 40% of the total number of voters voting at the preceding general election,

then the number of voters voting "yes" on the proposition must also constitute 60% of a number equal to 40% of the total number of voters voting in the district at the last preceding general election.

**Section 5.** 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 individual to whom the County Auditor shall provide such notice.

**Section 6.** The Chief 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 7.** 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.

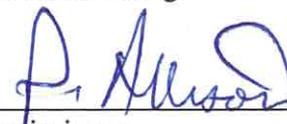
**Section 8.** The Board of Commissioners hereby assign to the Fire Chief or designee the task of appointing members to a committee to advocate voters' approval of the proposition and to a committee to prepare arguments advocating voters' rejection of the proposition.

**Section 9.** 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 10.** Any act consistent with the authority and prior to the effective date of this resolution is hereby ratified and affirmed.

**Section 11.** This resolution shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage.

**Adoption:** ADOPTED by the Board of Commissioners of Pierce County Fire Protection District No. 14 (Riverside Fire & Rescue), Pierce County, Washington, 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

ATTEST:  
  
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Board Secretary