



Pierce County Fire District 13

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**Special Meeting Minutes
Board of Fire Commissioners July 21, 2022**

Commissioner Noll called the meeting to order at 12:01 P and led all in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call led by Commissioner Noll to confirm quorum has been met. Present for the meeting: Commissioner Malone, Commissioner Zuluaga (via phone), Chief Wassall, BC Sandstrom

Members of the Public and Staff 1

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Resolution 22-332

- a. Fire Levy Lid Lift Resolution Statement: See attached Resolution created by Eric Quinn.
Reading of Resolution 22-332 by Chairman Noll

Motion-A motion was made by Commissioner Malone to approve Resolution 22-322 Lid Lift for the November 2022 election.

Seconded: Commissioner Zuluaga

Passed (Unanimous)

- b. Fire Lid Lift Proposition Statement: See attached
 - c. Cover Sheet to Resolution: See attached
2. Fire Lid Lift Ballot Title Statement: See attached
3. Fire Lid Lift Explanatory Statement: See attached
4. Fire Lid Lift Committee For and Against Appointment Form: See attached

COMMENTS:

None

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 12:34 pm.

Approved By:

Chairman Noll

Commissioner Malone

Commissioner Zuluaga

Fire Chief/District Secretary



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RESOLUTION NO. 22-332 Multi Year Lid Lift Levy

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS OF PIERCE COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 13 PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE DISTRICT AT AN ELECTION TO BE HELD THEREIN ON NOVEMBER 8, 2022, OF A PROPOSITION WHICH WOULD INCREASE THE CURRENT FIRE DEPARTMENT LEVY RATE TO \$1.00 PER \$1,000 OF ASSESSED VALUATION FOR A ONE (1) YEAR PERIOD, AND THEN WOULD ALLOW SPECIFIC INCREASES FOR EACH OF FIVE (5) CONSECUTIVE SUCCESSIVE YEARS, IN PROPERTY TAXES COLLECTED BY THE FIRE DISTRICT APPLICABLE TO ALL TAXABLE PROPERTY LOCATED IN THE DISTRICT, IN EXCESS OF THE LIMITATIONS IMPOSED BY CHAPTER 84.55 OF THE REVISED CODE OF WASHINGTON AND PROVIDING THAT THE DOLLAR AMOUNT OF THE LEVY IN THE SIXTH YEAR SHALL SERVE AS THE BASE FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF FUTURE YEARS' LEVIES.

WHEREAS, in the judgment of the Board of Fire Commissioners (the "Board") of Pierce County Fire Protection District No. 13 (the "District"), it is essential for the protection of the public health, safety, life, and property of the citizens and residents of the District that minimum service levels of fire and emergency medical services be maintained; and

WHEREAS, a regular property tax rate of at least \$1.00 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation, applicable to all taxable property located in the district, has been previously authorized and may be lawfully levied within the limits prescribed by RCW 84.55 as amended, which limits annual property tax increases to 1% over and above the previous year's tax revenues; and

WHEREAS, RCW 84.55.050 authorizes the 1% limit on annual increases to be exceeded with voter approval, commonly referred to as a "lid lift" election; and

WHEREAS, a 1% limitation would restrict the District from levying up to its full authorized statutory levy rate per \$1,000 of assessed valuation; and

WHEREAS, the electorate should be given the opportunity to decide whether the cutbacks should occur or instead, whether the rate of \$1.00 per \$1,000 should be levied for collection in 2023, waiving the 1% limit of RCW 84.55, commonly referred to as "lifting the lid"; and

WHEREAS, increases in the levy amount for the levies in the second through sixth years after the election should be limited by a limit factor of 6%; and

WHEREAS, current statutes authorize multi-year lid lifts for up to six (6) years, with the dollar amount of the levy in the sixth year being used as a base rate for establishment of the tax levy rate in future years (sometimes referred to as a "permanent" lid lift);



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NOW THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, FOUND, DETERMINED AND ORDERED, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. A regular property tax rate of \$1.00 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation, applicable to all taxable property located in the district, has been previously authorized and is necessary and appropriate to levy, notwithstanding the 1% annual increase limitation of RCW 84.55.010 et seq., as amended. RCW 84.55 places a 1% limitation on the increase of tax revenue collected by the District annually. Such 1% limitation on the increase would cause a loss of revenue to the District of approximately \$35,000.00 on an annual basis. This resolution and the resultant election would give the voters the opportunity to choose to continue services pursuant to the previously authorized levy rate adopted pursuant to RCW 52.16.160 (the “third fifty cents”), waiving the 1% limit of RCW 84.55 (commonly referred to as a “lid lift”).

Section 2. The proposal set forth below, if authorized by the qualified electors of the District, will allow a levy rate of \$1.00 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation for a one (1) year period (collected in 2023), coupled with specified increases in property taxes collected in each of the five (5) consecutive successive years thereafter. There shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the District, for their ratification or rejection, at an election on November 8, 2022 a proposition to exceed the 1% limitation (and “lift the lid”) of RCW 84.55.010 et seq. and levy the rate of \$1.00 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation for a one (1) year period, coupled with specified increases in property taxes collected in each of the five (5) consecutive successive years thereafter, and applying a limit factor of 6% annually, subject to statutory and constitutional limits, which are otherwise applicable; and **provided further** that the dollar amount of the levy in the sixth year shall be used as the base for establishment of the levy for future years' levies.

Section 3. The Board hereby requests the Manager of Records and Elections of Pierce County, Washington, as ex officio County Supervisor of Elections, to call and conduct such election to be held within the District, in conjunction with the general election on November 8, 2022, and to submit to the qualified electors of the District the proposition in substantially the following form:

Mandatory Resolution Cover Sheet

Date Received:



This form **must** accompany your emailed resolution. Contact person or persons should have the authority to approve changes and be available to answer questions. Online fillable form is available on our website: PierceCountyElections.org

Name of District: Pierce County Fire Protection District No. 13, Browns Pt/Dash Pt Fire Dept.

District Address: 4815 Wa Tau Ga Avenue NE, Tacoma, WA. 98422

Date of Election: November 8, 2022

Contact Person: Jim Wassall Title: Fire Chief

Contact Phone Number: 253-952-4776

Contact Email: jwassall@piercefir13.org

2nd Contact Person: Dave Noll Title: Fire Commissioner

2nd Contact Phone Number: 253-905-6274

2nd Contact Email: dnoll@piercefir13.org

Contact Phone Number for Voters 253-952-4776
(May or may not be printed in pamphlet.)

Attorney for District: Eric Quinn

Attorney Phone Number: 253-590-6628

Attorney Email Address: ericquinn@firehouselawyer2.com

Type of Election (levy, bond, lid lift etc.): Lid Lift

Please state the pass/fail requirement for this measure (i.e., Simply Majority, 60%, etc.) as determined by your legal counsel, together with applicable statutory references:

Simple Majority

Office Use Only

<input type="checkbox"/> Sent to P.A.	<input type="checkbox"/> Ballot Title Final	<input type="checkbox"/> District Notified
Date:	Date:	Date:



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PROPOSITION NO. 1

PIERCE COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT No. 13 (BROWNS POINT/DASH POINT FIRE DEPARTMENT)

AUTHORIZING INCREASE IN PROPERTY TAXES OVER 1% LIMITATION (2023-2028)

The Board of Commissioners of Pierce County Fire Protection District No. 13, (Browns Point/Dash Point Fire Department) adopted Resolution No. 22-332 calling for a levy lid lift. To ensure the continued delivery of fire protection and emergency medical services, shall the Browns Point/Dash Point Fire Department be authorized to exceed the 1% limitation on annual increases in property tax revenues, establishing a limit factor of up to 6%, and levy taxes at the previously approved rate of \$1.00 per \$1,000 of assessed value for collection in 2023, using the 2028 levy dollar amount for computing the limitations for subsequent levies?

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS:

To vote IN FAVOR OF the foregoing proposition, mark a cross (X) in the "Levy, Yes" square.

To vote AGAINST the foregoing proposition, mark a cross (X) in the "Levy, No" square.

LEVY, YES

LEVY, NO

Section 4. The locations of the polling places, if any, shall be as specified by the Manager of Records and Elections of Pierce County, Washington, as ex officio County Supervisor of Elections for the District.

Section 5. Approval of the proposition described in Section 3 above shall be construed and interpreted as qualified elector approval of a tax increase in compliance with RCW 84.55 as amended.

Section 6. The Secretary to the Board is hereby directed to deliver a certified copy of this resolution to the Manager of Records and Elections of Pierce County, Washington, as ex officio County Supervisor of Elections for the District, on or before August 2, 2022.

Section 7. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.



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ADOPTED AND APPROVED by the Board of Fire Commissioners of Pierce County Fire Protection District No. 13 on this 21 day of July 2022


Chairperson Dave Noll


Commissioner David Malone


Commissioner Jim Zuluaga
per telephonic authorization

ATTEST:


District Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Eric Quinn, Attorney, WSBA #47354



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Ballot Title

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Pierce County Fire Protection District No. 13 Explanatory Statement Proposition 1 – Multi-Year Lid Lift 2022

Election Date: November 8, 2022

**Name of Jurisdiction
Submitting Measure:**

Pierce County Fire Protection District No. 13
(Browns Point/Dash Point Fire Department)

Contact Name: Jim Wassall, Fire Chief

Contact Phone Number: 253.952.4776

The Browns Point/Dash Point Fire Department (the "District") responded to the community's requests for emergency medical care, fire suppression, rescue, and other emergencies, 229 times in 2021. This is a 62% increase in calls for service since 2014. However, while firefighters are responding to more calls, the previously approved \$1.00 fire levy rate is projected to fall to \$.83 in 2023 due to 1% limitations.

If approved, this measure authorizes the District to set the levy rate to \$1.00 per \$1,000 of assessed property value as previously approved by voters. Passage of this measure would allow the levy dollar amount to increase by up to 6% in the succeeding five years. The dollar amount of the levy in 2028 would be used to calculate future levy increase limits.

Revenue raised by this measure will provide sustainable funding for the District. If this measure passes, a taxpayer with the average home value of \$500,000 would anticipate an increased tax of \$5.80 per month.

Explanatory Statement Approved by Eric T. Quinn, Attorney for the District

COMMITTEE MEMBER APPOINTMENT FORM

Name of Jurisdiction: Pierce County Fire Protection District No.13, (Browns Pt/Dash Pt Fire Dept.)

Jurisdiction Contact Name: Jim Wassall

Email: jwassall@piercefir13.org Phone: 253-952-4776



Jurisdiction's responsibility:

1. Email completed form to VoterPamphlet@PierceCountyWa.gov by the resolution submittal deadline.
2. Provide committee members with statement submission requirements and deadlines. (See 2021 Election Guide for Jurisdictions at PierceCountyElections.org)
Committees are solely responsible for submitting voters' pamphlet statements to the Elections Division in accordance with the specified time line for that election.

Questions? Voters' Pamphlet Coordinator: VoterPamphlet@PierceCountyWa.gov or (253) 798-8683

For Committee (1 - 3 members)		Against Committee (1 - 3 members)	
1st Committee Member		1st Committee Member	
Name* Dick Collins		Name*	
One form of committee contact is required below for print in the local voters' pamphlet.		One form of committee contact is required below for print in the local voters' pamphlet.	
Email (required) * dickcollins@gmail.com	Publish in Voters' Pamphlet? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Check if YES.	Email (required) *	Publish in Voters' Pamphlet? <input type="checkbox"/> Check if YES.
Phone (optional)	Publish in Voters' Pamphlet? <input type="checkbox"/> Check if YES.	Phone (optional)	Publish in Voters' Pamphlet? <input type="checkbox"/> Check if YES.
Website (Published in Voters' Pamphlet)		Website (Published in Voters' Pamphlet)	
Committee Name (Published in Voters' Pamphlet)		Committee Name (Published in Voters' Pamphlet)	
2nd Committee Member		2nd Committee Member	
Name:		Name:	
Email:		Email:	
3rd Committee Member		3rd Committee Member	
Name:		Name:	
Email:		Email:	

If jurisdiction is NOT appointing a "For" Committee, check box to confirm.

If jurisdiction is NOT appointing an "Against" Committee, check box to confirm.

*1st Committee Member required to provide name and email address for correspondence with Voters' Pamphlet Coordinator.