



# Pierce County Fire District 21

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## RESOLUTION NO. 861

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS FOR PIERCE COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 21 AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION TO THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF THE FIRE DISTRICT AT A GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 8, 2016, OF A PROPOSITION TO INCREASE THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS FROM THREE TO FIVE MEMBERS.**

WHEREAS, RCW 52.14.015 provides that a three member board of commissioners of any fire protection district may determine by resolution that it is in the best interests of the district to increase the number of commissioners from three to five; and

WHEREAS, since 1963, when the District was established, Pierce County Fire Protection District No. 21, or Graham Fire and Rescue, has been governed by a three-person Board of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, the population served by the District has grown dramatically during recent years and the District now provides emergency medical, life safety, and fire suppression services for a resident population of more than 60,000 people as well as for thousands of visitors to the District each year; and

WHEREAS, the annual operating budget of the District now exceeds 14 million dollars; and

WHEREAS, the area served by Graham Fire and Rescue and community would be better served by expanding the number of members of the board of commissioners and encouraging broader public discussion of and participation in the decision making function of the board; and

WHEREAS, the increasing complexity of state and federal fire and emergency medical safety regulations and the increasing complexity of the services provided by District personnel to the public require increased professionalism and sophistication within all aspects of the District's operations including oversight by the Board of Commissioners.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS FOR PIERCE COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 21 THAT**

Section 1. It would be in the best interest of the district to increase the number of commissioners from three to five.

Section 2. There shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the Fire District for their ratification or rejection, at an election on November 8, 2016, the proposition hereinafter set forth. The Board of Fire Commissioners for Pierce County Fire Protection District No. 21 does hereby declare that the auditor of Pierce County, as ex officio Supervisor of Elections, is hereby requested to call said election and to submit the following proposition at said election in the form of a ballot title substantially as follows:

Original to PC

**Proposition Two – Graham Fire & Rescue  
(Pierce County Fire Protection District No. 21)  
Increase Board of Fire Commissioners from Three to Five Members**

**Official Ballot Title:** The Board of Fire Commissioners of Pierce County Fire Protection District No. 21 has adopted Resolution No. 861 calling for an election to authorize an increase in the number of fire commissioners from three to five.

Shall the Board of Fire Commissioners of Pierce County Fire Protection District No. 21 be increased from three to five members?

YES \_\_\_\_\_  
NO \_\_\_\_\_

**MOVED AND PASSED AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS FOR PIERCE COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 21 ON JULY 11, 2016, OF WHICH ALL COMMISSIONERS WERE NOTIFIED AND THE FOLLOWING WERE PRESENT AND VOTING:**

  
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Gerald W. Gustafson, Chairman of the Board

  
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Russell T. Barstow, Commissioner

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Adam G. Rosenlund, Commissioner

ATTEST:

  
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Anthony D. Judd, District Secretary

Approved as to form:

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JOSEPH F. QUINN, WSB #6810  
Attorney for District