

Special Election - Proposition No. 1  
Pierce County Fire Protection District No. 10  
Authorizing Property Tax Levies for Emergency Medical Services

**Official Ballot Title:**

Shall Pierce County Fire Protection District No. 10 be authorized to impose regular property tax levies of \$.50 or less per \$1,000 of assessed valuation for each of six consecutive years, beginning in 2010, to provide funding for emergency medical services?

**Explanatory Statement:**

The Board of Fire Commissioners of Fire Protection District No. 10 has passed Resolution 330 requesting an election to authorize a levy of property tax in an amount not to exceed fifty cents per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuations to fund basic emergency medical services provided by the District through a contract with Tacoma Fire Department. The tax would be collected each year for six consecutive years, beginning in 2010. The funds raised by such levy can only be used for the provision of emergency medical care and emergency medical services. EMS levy benefits were previously provided to the citizens of District 10, but the benefits were suspended in 2009 as a result of the failure of the November 2008 EMS levy renewal. Approval of the levy will allow the District to restore the EMS levy benefits to the District 10 residents.

If the levy were approved, the EMS tax on a \$200,000 assessed valuation residence would be approximately \$8.33 per month for emergency medical services.

**Statement For:**

The Commissioner's for Pierce County Fire District 10 are placing on the ballot an Emergency Medical Services Levy. This six-year property tax levy will not exceed fifty cents per \$1,000 assessed valuation and can only be used to fund the cost of emergency medical care and services.

Through a contract with the Tacoma Fire Department, the citizens of District 10 have depended on quality life saving emergency medical services. At this time, the citizens of District 10 are not receiving the benefits of EMS levy funds. Our last EMS levy expired in 2009, and has not been reinstated. EMS levies are valid for only six years and must be re-approved by voters or the funding is eliminated. Approval of this levy will restore these benefits to the District 10 residents.

Please support the level of exceptional services that the citizens of District 10 have come to expect and vote "yes".

**Committee Members:** Joe Meinecke and Tami Harris

**Statement Against:**

No statement was submitted against this issue.

This space is available each election for citizens and/or committees opposing measures to publish a "Statement Against". For information, contact the Pierce County Auditor's Office at (253) 798-VOTE (8683).