



# *Poulsbo Fire Department*

*Kitsap County Fire District #18  
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## **KITSAP COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 18**

### **A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF KITSAP COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT #18 ENDORSING PROPOSITION 2: ADDITIONAL ONE TENTH OF ONE PERCENT FOR KITSAP 911**

#### **RESOLUTION NUMBER 21-05**

- WHEREAS: On June 28, 2021, the Kitsap County Board of Commissioners unanimously adopted Resolution No. 114-2021 requesting that the County Auditor place on the ballot a proposition authorizing the imposition of an additional one tenth of one percent of a sales and use tax for Kitsap 911; and
- WHEREAS: Kitsap 911's existing radio communication system and infrastructure is failing to provide reliable emergency communications in all areas of Kitsap County and cannot accommodate the volume of radio traffic required during emergencies, consequently putting the public, first responders, and property at risk; and
- WHEREAS: Other portions of Kitsap 911's infrastructure will become obsolete, will no longer be supported by the manufacturer and/or are approaching end of life; and
- WHEREAS: The current funding sources for Kitsap 911 are inadequate to support the necessary capital improvements required to provide reliable emergency communications in Kitsap County; and
- WHEREAS: All Kitsap County public safety agencies rely on Kitsap 911's emergency communications systems as their primary means for dispatch and the transmittal of mission-critical communications between public safety agencies; and
- WHEREAS: The Kitsap County Fire District #18 Board of Commissioners ("KCFD #18 Board") believes that Kitsap 911's emergency communications systems are absolutely essential for the safety of Kitsap County Residents, all Kitsap County First Responders, and any visitor to Kitsap County; and
- WHEREAS: The KCFD #18 Board supports that an additional one tenth of one percent of a sales and use tax is necessary so that Kitsap 911 can fund a radio system replacement and thereafter create a committed Capital Improvement/Equipment Replacement Reserve fund; and
- WHEREAS: At its regular October 13, 2021 Board Meeting the KCFD #18 Board considered whether it should formally endorse Kitsap County Ballot Proposition 2. As a prerequisite to doing this, pursuant to RCW 42.17A.555(1), all advance notices of the said October 13, 2021 KCFD #18 Board meeting: identified the said ballot proposition; indicated that the Board was going to consider at the meeting whether to formally endorse the

proposition; and the notices invited members of the public to attend the meeting to state their respective views, both in opposition and support, as to whether the Board should endorse this proposition; and

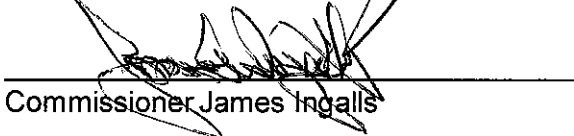
**WHEREAS:** At the October 13, 2021 Board meeting, discussion occurred as to whether the Board should endorse the said ballot proposition and the public in attendance was requested to state their views, both in opposition and support, of the proposition. At the conclusion of the discussion, the Board determined it was in the best interests of the citizens of the KCFD #18, and in alignment with the KCFD #18 mission of public safety, to endorse Kitsap County Ballot Proposition 2.

**THEREFORE,** KCFD #18's Board of Commissioners hereby endorses passage of  
**BE IT RESOLVED:** Kitsap County Proposition 2 entitled, "Kitsap 911 Emergency Communications System and Facilities Sales and Use Tax," by District voters at the November 2, 2021 election so that Kitsap 911 may address its critical emergency communications needs improving public and first responder safety.

Adopted this 13<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2021 at a regularly scheduled meeting of the KCFD #18 Board of Commissioners.

**APPROVED:**

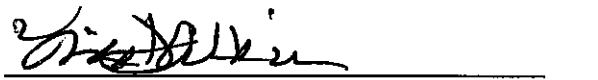
  
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Commissioner Chris Quinn

**ATTEST:**

  
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Lise Alkire, KCFD #18 Secretary to the Board

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Commissioner Jeff Uberuaga