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5 RESOLUTION NO. R2007-71
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8 **A Resolution of the Pierce County Council Calling for An Election to be**
9 **Held on November 6, 2007, for the Purpose of Submitting to**
10 **the Affected Voters the Determination of Whether or Not**
11 **Pierce County Fire Protection District No. 16 Shall Expand**
12 **the Board of Fire Commissioners from Three Members to**
13 **Five Members; and Requesting that the Prosecuting Attorney**
14 **Write an Appropriate Ballot Title.**

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16 **Whereas**, since 1952, when the District was established, Pierce County Fire
17 Protection District No. 16, on the Key Peninsula, has been governed by a three-person
18 Board of Commissioners; and

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20 **Whereas**, the population served by the District has grown dramatically during
21 recent years and the District now provides emergency medical, life safety, and fire
22 suppression services for a resident population of more than 18,000 people as well as
23 thousands of visitors to the District each year; and

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25 **Whereas**, the annual operating budget of the District now exceeds five million
26 dollars; and

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28 **Whereas**, the Board of Commissioners of Fire District No. 16 believes that the
29 Key Peninsula and community would be better served by expanding the number of
30 members of the board of commissioners and encouraging broader public discussion of
31 and participation in the decision making function of the board; and

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33 **Whereas**, the increasing complexity of state and federal fire and emergency
34 medical safety regulations and the increasing complexity of the services provided by
35 District personnel to the public require increased professionalism and sophistication
36 within all aspects of the District's operations including oversight by the Board of
37 Commissioners; and



1 **Whereas**, on April 24, 2007, the Board of Commissioners of Pierce County Fire
2 Protection District No. 16 passed Resolution No. 04-07-471 requesting the Pierce
3 County Council call for an election on November 6, 2007, and submit to the voters of
4 the District the proposition of whether or not to increase the Fire District Board of
5 Commissioners from three to five members; and
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7 **Whereas**, on May 4, 2007, Fire District No. 16 transmitted its Resolution No.
8 04-07-471 to the Pierce County Council; and
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10 **Whereas**, Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 52.14.015 states that "in the
11 event a three member board of commissioners of any fire protection district determines
12 by Resolution that it would be in the best interest of the district to increase the number
13 of Commissioners from three to five . . . the board shall submit a Resolution to the
14 County legislative authority . . . requesting that an election be held. Upon receipt of the
15 Resolution, the legislative authority . . . of the County ... shall call a special election to
16 be held within the fire protection district . . ."; **Now Therefore**,

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18 **BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of Pierce County:**
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20 Section 1. A special election is hereby called for on November 6, 2007, in Pierce
21 County Fire District No. 16.
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23 Section 2. The Pierce County Auditor shall conduct the election in accordance
24 with general election law and the election shall be canvassed by the County Canvassing
25 Board.
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27 Section 3. No person shall be entitled to vote at this election unless he or she is
28 a qualified elector within the boundaries of Fire Protection District No. 16.
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30 Section 4. The Pierce County Prosecuting Attorney is hereby requested to write
31 an appropriate ballot title.
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33 Section 5. If a majority of the people voting on the proposition shall vote in favor
34 thereof, the Board of Commissioners of Fire Protection District No. 16 shall be
35 increased to five members. The two additional members shall be appointed in the same
36 manner as provided in RCW 52.14.020.
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Section 6. The Clerk of the Pierce County Council shall forward a certified copy of this Resolution to the Pierce County Auditor and to the Board of Commissioners of Fire District No. 16.

ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2007.

ATTEST:

PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL
Pierce County, Washington

Denise D. Johnson
Clerk of the Council

Terry Lee
Council Chair

