

## CONCURRENT RESOLUTION DECLARING MERGER

### RESOLUTION NO. 25-02

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS OF CENTRAL PIERCE FIRE & RESCUE, PIERCE COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 18 (ORTING VALLEY FIRE & RESCUE), AND GRAHAM FIRE & RESCUE DECLARING THE MERGER OF ORTING VALLEY FIRE & RESCUE AND GRAHAM FIRE & RESCUE INTO CENTRAL PIERCE FIRE & RESCUE EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2026, PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 52.06 RCW.

**WHEREAS**, on April 16, 2024, the Board of Orting Valley Fire & Rescue petitioned the Board of Central Pierce Fire & Rescue requesting that Orting Valley Fire & Rescue be merged into Central Pierce Fire & Rescue;

**WHEREAS**, on April 19, 2024, the Board of Graham Fire & Rescue petitioned the Board of Central Pierce Fire & Rescue requesting that Graham Fire & Rescue be merged into Central Pierce Fire & Rescue;

**WHEREAS**, on May 13, 2024, the Board of Central Pierce Fire & Rescue adopted Resolution No. 24-06 approving the Petition of the Board of Orting Valley Fire & Rescue and Resolution No. 24-05 approving the Petition of the Board of Graham Fire & Rescue;

**WHEREAS**, at elections held on April 22, 2025, the voters of Orting Valley Fire & Rescue and Graham Fire & Rescue approved the merger of Orting Valley Fire & Rescue and Graham Fire & Rescue, respectively, into Central Pierce Fire & Rescue effective January 1, 2026.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Boards of Fire Commissioners of Central Pierce Fire & Rescue, Orting Valley Fire & Rescue, and Graham Fire & Rescue that, effective January 1, 2026,

Section 1: Orting Valley Fire & Rescue and Graham Fire & Rescue are merged into Central Pierce Fire & Rescue under the name "Central Pierce Fire & Rescue." The boundaries of Central Pierce Fire & Rescue are thereby extended to include the entire area of Orting Valley Fire & Rescue and Graham Fire & Rescue.

Section 2: Pursuant to RCW 52.06.080, Orting Valley Fire & Rescue and Graham Fire & Rescue transfer, convey, and deliver all their property and funds to Central Pierce Fire & Rescue, together with all interest in and the right to collect any previously levied assessments.

Section 3: Pursuant to RCW 52.06.070, all land liable to be assessed to pay any of the indebtedness shall remain liable to the same extent as if Orting Valley Fire & Rescue and Graham Fire & Rescue had not been merged. Any previously levied assessments against the land shall remain unimpaired and be collected in the same manner as if Orting Valley Fire & Rescue and Graham Fire & Rescue had not merged into Central Pierce Fire & Rescue. The Commissioners of Central Pierce Fire & Rescue shall have all the powers of Orting Valley Fire & Rescue and Graham Fire & Rescue to levy, assess, and cause to be collected all assessments against any land in both districts that may be necessary to pay for the indebtedness thereof, and until the assessments are collected and all indebtedness of the districts paid, separate funds shall be maintained for each district as were maintained before the merger.

Section 4: Any personnel employed by Orting Valley Fire & Rescue and Graham Fire & Rescue on January 1, 2026 shall become Central Pierce Fire & Rescue employees.

Section 5: The Board of Commissioners of Central Pierce Fire & Rescue shall consist of the duly elected Fire Commissioners of Central Pierce Fire & Rescue, Orting Valley Fire & Rescue, and Graham Fire & Rescue, initially, in accordance with RCW 52.06.085, upon the effective date of the merger ("Effective Date"). The number of board members shall be reduced over time through voluntary resignations or vacancies until it reaches the chosen number of five commissioners as previously resolved.

**ADOPTED** by the Board of Fire Commissioners of Central Pierce Fire & Rescue, Orting Valley Fire & Rescue, and Graham Fire & Rescue this 12 day of May, 2025, and duly authenticated in open session by signatures of the Commissioners voting in favor thereof.

**CENTRAL PIERCE FIRE & RESCUE**

  
Matthew Holm, Chair

  
Steve Stringfellow, Vice Chair

  
Dale Mitchell, Commissioner

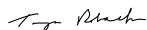
  
Bob Willis, Commissioner

**CERTIFICATION**

I, the undersigned, Secretary of Central Pierce Fire & Rescue hereby certify as follows:


1. The attached copy of the Concurrent Resolution Declaring Merger (the "Resolution") is a full, true, and correct copy of the Resolution duly adopted at a meeting of the Central Pierce Fire & Rescue Board of Fire Commissioners (the "Board") held on 05/12/2025 as the Resolution appears on the minute book of the Central Pierce Fire & Rescue and the Resolution is now in full force and effect.
2. The meeting was held in accordance with the law.
3. A quorum of the members of the Board was present throughout the meeting and a majority of those members present voted in the proper manner for the adoption of the Resolution.

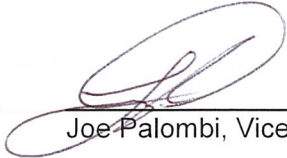
**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand this 12 of May, 2025.

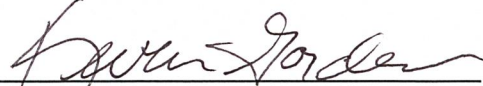


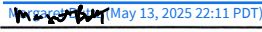
Tanya Robacker, District Secretary

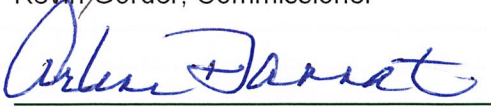
**ORTING VALLEY FIRE & RESCUE**

  
Jason Bellerive, Chair

  
Joe Palombi, Vice Chair

  
Kevin Gorder, Commissioner

 (May 13, 2025 22:11 PDT)  
Margaret Buttz, Commissioner

  
Arlene Dannat, Commissioner

**CERTIFICATION**

I, the undersigned, Secretary of Pierce County Fire Protection District No. 18 ("Orting Valley Fire & Rescue") hereby certify as follows:

1. The attached copy of the Concurrent Resolution Declaring Merger (the "Resolution") is a full, true, and correct copy of the Resolution duly adopted at a meeting of the Orting Valley Fire & Rescue Board of Fire Commissioners (the "Board") held on 05/12/2025 as the Resolution appears on the minute book of the Orting Valley Fire & Rescue and the Resolution is now in full force and effect.
2. The meeting was held in accordance with the law.
3. A quorum of the members of the Board was present throughout the meeting and a majority of those members present voted in the proper manner for the adoption of the Resolution.


IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 12 of May, 2025.

  
Kim Kemp, District Secretary

**GRAHAM FIRE & RESCUE**

  
Robert L. Homan, Chair

Russ Barstow  
Russ Barstow (May 13, 2025 16:38 PDT)  
Russell T. Barstow, Vice Chair

  
Christine McAfee (May 13, 2025 10:31 PDT)  
Christine McAfee, Commissioner

  
Brian Estes, Commissioner

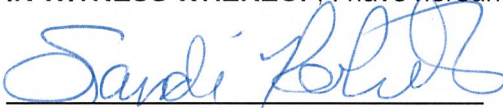
  
Neil Samuelson, Commissioner

**CERTIFICATION**

I, the undersigned, Secretary of Graham Fire & Rescue hereby certify as follows:

1. The attached copy of the Concurrent Resolution Declaring Merger (the "Resolution") is a full, true, and correct copy of the Resolution duly adopted at a meeting of the Graham Fire & Rescue Board of Fire Commissioners (the "Board") held on 05/12/2025 as the Resolution appears on the minute book of the Graham Fire & Rescue and the Resolution is now in full force and effect.
2. The meeting was held in accordance with the law.
3. A quorum of the members of the Board was present throughout the meeting and a majority of those members present voted in the proper manner for the adoption of the Resolution.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 12 of May, 2025.

  
Sandi Roberts, District Secretary












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