



# Orting Valley Fire and Rescue

Pierce County Fire District 18  
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## Resolution 2025-002

**A RESOLUTION** of the Board of Fire Commissioners of Pierce County Fire Protection District No. 18 (“Orting Valley Fire & Rescue”) providing for the submission to the voters of Orting Valley Fire & Rescue at an election to be held therein on April 22, 2025 a proposition authorizing Orting Valley Fire & Rescue to merge into Central Pierce Fire & Rescue 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; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Central Pierce Fire & Rescue adopted Resolution No. 24-06 approving the Petition of the Board of Orting Valley Fire & Rescue and transmitted the Petition and Resolution No.24-06 back to the Board of Orting Valley Fire & Rescue.

### **NOW, THEREFORE:**

**Section 1.** Pursuant to RCW 52.06.030, the Pierce County Auditor is requested to call and conduct a special election in Orting Valley Fire & Rescue, in the manner provided by law, to be held herein on April 22, 2025, in conjunction with the State special election to be held on the same date, for the purpose of submitting to the voters of Orting Valley Fire & Rescue, for their approval or rejection, a proposition of whether Orting Valley Fire & Rescue shall be merged into Central Pierce Fire & Rescue.

**Section 2.** By no later than February 21, 2025, the Fire Chief shall submit this Resolution to the Pierce County Auditor to process the request to call and conduct a special election on April 22, 2025.

**Section 3.** Pursuant to RCW 29A.36.071, the Pierce County Prosecuting Attorney is requested to prepare the concise description of the aforesaid proposition for the ballot title in substantially the following form:

### **FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 18 PIERCE COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

#### **PROPOSITION NO. 1**

#### **MERGER INTO CENTRAL PIERCE FIRE & RESCUE**

The Board of Fire Commissioners of Pierce County Fire Protection District No. 18 (“Orting Valley Fire & Rescue”) adopted a resolution to merge into Central Pierce Fire & Rescue effective January 1, 2026. This proposition would merge Orting Valley Fire & Rescue into Central Pierce Fire & Rescue, creating one fire protection district to provide fire and emergency medical services for the areas currently served by the districts. Should this proposal be:

APPROVED ( )

REJECTED ( )

**Section 4.** The District Secretary of Orting Valley Fire & Rescue is directed: (a) to certify to the Auditor a copy of this Resolution showing its adoption by the Board in compliance with the time frame required by RCW 29A.04.330; and (b) to perform such other duties as are necessary and required by law in submitting to the voters of Orting Valley Fire & Rescue at the aforesaid election the proposition of whether Orting Valley Fire & Rescue shall be merged into Central Pierce Fire & Rescue.


**Section 5.** –The Board find and declare that it is in the best interest of Orting Valley Fire & Rescue to have information regarding the ballot measure included in the local voters' pamphlet. Furthermore, that the appropriate costs thereof shall be paid for by Orting Valley Fire & Rescue. The Board further authorize and direct the Fire Chief to provide such information to the County Elections department for inclusion and to take other actions as necessary to that end.

**Section 6.** For purposes of receiving notice of any matters related to the ballot title, as provided in RCW 29A.36.080, the Board hereby designates the Fire Chief as the individual to whom the County Auditor shall provide such notice.

**Section 7.** The Fire Chief is authorized to implement such administrative procedures as may be necessary to carry out the directives of this legislation, including modifying the text of the ballot title and any other text, language and/or descriptions relative thereto necessary to conform such ballot title, text, language and/or descriptions to the intent of the parties, consistent with the objectives of this resolution. No substantive modifications, to the ballot title, text, language and/or descriptions of any document shall be made without the approval of the Board.

**ADOPTED** by the Board of Commissioners of Pierce County Fire Protection District No. 18, this 27th day of January, 2025, and duly authenticated in open session by signatures of the Commissioners voting in favor thereof and the seal of the Commission duly affixed.

**PIERCE COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 18**

  
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Jason Bellerive, Chair

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Joe Palombi, Vice Chair

  
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Arlene Dannat, Commissioner

  
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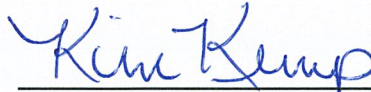
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Margaret Buttz, Commissioner

## CERTIFICATION

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

1. The attached copy of the Resolution No. 2025-002 (the "Resolution") is a full, true, and correct copy of the Resolution duly adopted at a regular meeting of the Orting Valley Fire & Rescue Board of Fire Commissioners (the "Board") held on January 27, 2025 as the Resolution appears on the minute book of Orting Valley Fire & Rescue and the Resolution is now in full force and effect.
2. The regular 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 27th day of January, 2025.



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Kim Kemp, District Secretary