Election Date: November 3, 2020
Name of Jurisdiction Submitting Measure: Pierce County Fire Protection District No. 14
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PROPOSITION NO. 2
(Maintenance and Operations Excess Tax Levy)

BALLOT ISSUE EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

In 2014, Riverside Fire & Rescue voters approved a four year M&O excess property tax levy at a rate of approximately $.85 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation. If this proposition is approved by the voters, the Fire District will replace the expiring M&O levy with a new four year M&O levy of $151,600.00 in 2020, $154,600.00 in 2021, $157,750.00 in 2022 and $160,900.00 in 2023 to be collected in each succeeding year at an estimated levy rate of approximately $0.72 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation. Such levy will be in addition to the District’s regular and EMS tax levies for a four-year period.

The District continues to experience increases in the cost of providing fire protection and emergency medical services and cannot maintain current staffing and service levels within the limitations of the District’s regular tax levy. The levy will provide funds required by the district to maintain and improve the level of service in the district.

If voters approve this excess levy renewal, the maximum tax per $100,000 assessed valuation should not exceed $72.00 per year or approximately $6.00 per month for emergency medical services.

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