



# Resolution Cover Sheet

This form is mandatory and must accompany each resolution.

Name of District: Lewis County Fire District #17  
 District Address: 136 Osborn Rd. Ashford, WA 98304  
 Date of Election: February 11, 2025  
 Contact Person: Matt Medford Title: Fire Chief  
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 2<sup>nd</sup> Contact Person: Dennis Day Title: Fire Commissioner #17  
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Type of Election (levy, bond, lid lift, sales tax, etc.): Merger  
 Pass/Fail requirement for this measure as determined by your legal counsel: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Simple majority or majority 50% +1       Supermajority or 60%  
 Applicable statutory reference as determined by legal counsel: RCW 52.06

Validation requirement as determined by your legal counsel. The minimum number of voters "required" to turnout (cast a ballot) in an excess levy or bond election.  
 This issue requires validation:  Yes       No

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**LEWIS COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 17**

**RESOLUTION No. 24-004**

**A RESOLUTION** of the Board of Fire Commissioners of Lewis County Fire Protection District No. 17 (the "Merging District") providing for the submission to the voters of the Merging District at an election to be held therein on February 11, 2025, in conjunction with the State special election to be held on the same day, a proposition authorizing the Merging District to merge into the Pierce County Fire Protection District No. 23 (the "Merger District") pursuant to Chapter 52.06 RCW.

**WHEREAS**, on October 9, 2024, the Board of the Merging District petitioned the Board of the Merger District requesting that the Merging District be merged into the Merger District;

**WHEREAS**, on October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024, the Board of the Merger District adopted Resolution No. 24-002 approving the Petition of the Board of the Merging District and transmitted the Petition and Resolution No. 24-002 back to the Board of the Merging District; and

**WHEREAS**, the Merging District submitted a Notice of Intention to merge into the Merger District with the Lewis County Boundary Review Board.

**NOW, THEREFORE:**

**Section 1.** Pursuant to RCW 52.06.030, Lewis County is requested to call and conduct a special election in the Merging District, in the manner provided by law, to be held herein on February 11, 2025, in conjunction with the State special election to be held on the same date, for the purpose of submitting to the voters of the Merging District, for their approval or rejection, a proposition of whether the Merging District shall be merged into the Merger District.

**Section 2.** Provided the King County Boundary Review Board approves the proposed merger, the Fire Chief shall submit this Resolution to the Lewis County Auditor to process the request to call and conduct a special election on February 11, 2025.

**Section 3.** Pursuant to RCW 29A.36.071, the Lewis 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. 17  
LEWIS COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

**PROPOSITION NO. 1**

**MERGER INTO PIERCE COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 23**

The Board of Fire Commissioners of Lewis County Fire Protection District No. 17 ("District 17") adopted a resolution concerning the merger of District 17 into Pierce County Fire Protection District No. 23 ("District 23"). This proposition would merge District 17 into District 23, creating one fire protection district to provide fire and emergency medical services for the areas currently served by the two districts. Should this proposal be:

APPROVED ( )

REJECTED ( )

**Section 4.** The Secretary of the Merging District 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 the Merging District at the aforesaid election the proposition of whether Merging District shall be merged into Merger District.

**ADOPTED** by the Board of Fire Commissioners of Lewis County Fire Protection District No. 17, at a regularly scheduled open public meeting thereof this 13<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2024, of which notice was given in the manner provided by law, the following Fire Commissioners being present and voting.

**LEWIS COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION  
DISTRICT NO. 17**

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Dennis Day, Commissioner

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Thomas O'Haver, Commissioner

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Nicolas Waruszewski, Commissioner

**CERTIFICATION**

I, the undersigned, Secretary of Lewis County Fire Protection District No. 17 ("District 17") hereby certify as follows:

1. The attached copy of the Resolution No. 24-004 (the "Resolution") is a full, true, and correct copy of the Resolution duly adopted at a regular meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners of District 17 (the "Board") held on the 13<sup>th</sup> of November, 2024, as the Resolution appears on the minute book of District 17 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 13<sup>th</sup> of November, 2024.

  
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Julie Day, District Secretary

**EXPLANATORY STATEMENT**

This measure would merge Lewis County Fire Protection District Number 17 ("Fire District 17") into Pierce County Fire Protection District Number 23 ("Fire District 23").

The Board of Commissioners of Fire District 17 unanimously approved and filed a petition with Fire District 23 requesting that Fire District 17 be merged into Fire District 23. The Board of Commissioners of Fire District 23 unanimously passed a resolution approving Fire District 17's petition seeking the merger. Voter approval of Proposition No. 1 by the registered voters of Fire District 17 is the final step in this merger process. Upon approval by Fire District 17 voters, Fire District 17 would merge into Fire District 23 creating one fire district to provide fire and emergency medical services in the areas currently served by both districts.



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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Auditor's Office

**FROM:** David E. Bailey, Chief Civil Deputy Prosecuting Attorney

**RE:** Approval of Ballot Language and Explanatory Statement / FPD 17 Merger

**DATE:** December 2, 2024

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Our office has reviewed the proposed proposition for Lewis County FPD 17 to merge into Pierce County FPD 23. I noticed 2 issues with the proposal, emailed counsel about them, and he approved proceeding with the one change below.

The ballot language and explanatory statement are impartial, written in clear and concise language, avoid the use of legal and technical terms whenever possible, but do not exceed statutory word limits.

So, for the ballot language, please change the language so it states:

The Board of Fire Commissioners of Lewis County Fire Protection District No. 17 adopted a resolution concerning its merger into Pierce County Fire Protection District No. 23. This proposition would merge Lewis County Fire Protection District No. 17 into Pierce County Fire Protection District No. 23, creating one fire protection district to provide fire and emergency medical services for the areas currently served by the two districts.

Our office approves as to form with the above change.

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