

## **AUTOMATIC AID AND ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT FOR WATER TENDER OPERATIONS**

WHEREAS, the safety of the citizens of the State of Washington is of the utmost importance to all levels of state and local government;

WHEREAS, the jurisdiction of King County Fire Protection District 28 and Pierce County Fire District No. 18 seek to enter an Automatic Assistance Agreement in order to provide for the sharing of resources, personnel and equipment in the event of a local fire or other emergency;

WHEREAS, the State of Washington and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), have recognized the importance of the concept of written mutual aid agreements between all levels of government to facilitate reimbursement;

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Constitution of the State of Washington, municipalities are allowed to enter into Mutual aid and assistance agreements, which may include the provisions for the furnishing and exchanging of supplies, equipment, facilities, personnel, and services during a natural or human-made disaster and/or other emergency;

WHEREAS, King County Fire Protection District 28 and Pierce County Fire District No. 18 both have areas within their jurisdictional boundaries which do not have fire hydrants in close proximity to structures and delivery of water to a fire is accomplished by water tender;

WHEREAS, King County Fire Protection District 28 desires to enter into an automatic aid agreement with Pierce County Fire District No. 18 whereby King County Fire Protection District 28 would provide an automatic Water Tender response to any location Pierce County Fire District No. 18's jurisdiction that does not have fire hydrants in close proximity for a reported structure fire;

WHEREAS, Pierce County Fire District No. 18 desires to enter into an automatic aid agreement with King County Fire Protection District 28 whereby Pierce County Fire District No. 18 would provide an automatic Water Tender response to any location King County Fire Protection District 28's jurisdiction that does not have fire hydrants in close proximity for a reported structure fire;

THEREFORE, the parties agree as follows:

**AGREEMENT LANGUAGE**

1. King County Fire Protection District 28, when notified of a structure fire in Pierce County Fire District No. 18's jurisdiction will immediately initiate a response of a water tender with personnel.
2. Pierce County Fire District No. 18, when notified of a structure fire in King County Fire Protection District 28's jurisdiction will immediately initiate a response of a water tender with personnel.
3. King County Fire Protection District 28 and Pierce County Fire District No. 18 acknowledge that this agreement does not constitute a requirement to respond by either agency but is an agreement that is meant to enhance protection providing that equipment and personnel are available to respond.
4. The Fire Chiefs of each jurisdiction shall formally report to his/her Commissioners on the workings of this Agreement.

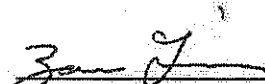
**EFFECTIVE DATE**

This agreement shall take effect upon its execution by both parties.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have set their corporate names by their authorized officers and members of their governing bodies, the day and written year below.

PIERCE COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT NO. 18

KING COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT 28

  
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Zane Gibson, Fire Chief

  
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Randy Fehr, Fire Chief

11/8/16  
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