

**ENUMCLAW FIRE DEPARTMENT
KING COUNTY, STATE OF WASHINGTON
RESOLUTION #2025-07**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE ENUMCLAW FIRE
DEPARTMENT, KING COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT #28, RECINDING RESOLUTION
#10-004 AND RESOLUTION #11-002, FOR THE PURPOSE OF AUTHORIZING
UNPROTECTED LAND RESPONSES AND DEBT COLLECTION
(RCW 19.16.500, 52.12.111, 52.12.131, 52.12.160)**

WHEREAS, King County Fire Protection District No. 28 receives operating revenues predominantly from property taxes levied within the jurisdictional boundaries of the District.

WHEREAS, The District is the closest responder to certain areas that are not located within any fire protection jurisdiction and are not covered by a mutual or automatic aid agreement "Unprotected Lands," and, as a result, the District is often requested to respond to incidents located in Unprotected Lands.

WHEREAS, The recipients of these out-of-jurisdiction responses located in Unprotected Lands consume district resources without a corresponding contribution to the cost of the services provided.

WHEREAS, RCW 52.12.111 authorizes services provided outside the boundaries of the District "under conditions prescribed by the fire commissioners."

WHEREAS, RCW 52.12.160 authorizes additional cost recovery authority for responses to Unprotected Lands.

WHEREAS, RCW 52.12.131 authorizes fire protection districts to assess fees and charges for the provision of emergency medical services, so as to reimburse the district for the cost of providing such services.

WHEREAS, The Board of Fire Commissioners has determined that it is appropriate to formally establish the conditions under which it will respond to Unprotected Lands.

WHEREAS, The Board of Fire Commissioners has determined that it is appropriate to recover the actual costs associated with responses within Unprotected Lands in accordance with the Washington State Association of Fire Chief's current published rate schedule.

WHEREAS, By adopting this Resolution, the Board of Fire Commissioners makes no guarantee of responding outside of the District's jurisdiction, and such responses shall be in the sole discretion of the commanding officer. The District assumes no liability for failure to respond to incidents outside of its jurisdiction, and the District's commanding officer shall be the sole judge as to the most expeditious manner of handling and responding to emergency calls.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE
ENUMCLAW FIRE DEPARTMENT, KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON, THAT DISTRICT RESPONSES
INTO UNPROTECTED LANDS SHALL BE CONTROLLED BY THE FOLLOWING POLICY:**

Enumclaw Fire Department

Resolution #2025-07

1. Resolution #10-004 & Resolution #11-002 is hereby rescinded.
2. The Board authorizes a charge for Basic Life Support services (equipment and personnel) provided outside of the fire district into Unprotected Lands, upon request for service, including but not limited to transport to a hospital or other medical facility, in accordance with the District's adopted EMS fee schedule. "Basic Life Support" means non-invasive emergency medical services requiring basic medical treatment skills as defined in Chapter 18.73 RCW.
3. Fire District resources shall not be used to respond to Unprotected Lands except in the following situations:
 - 3.1. To properties that have contracted with the District for services.
 - 3.2. When a response is specifically requested by a Federal, State or County Agency for a known serious incident involving an immediate threat to life and property.
 - 3.3. When a response was specifically requested by a landowner or other fire service protection agency, and the Duty Officer or Chief Officer determines the District should respond.
 - 3.4. When a response could reasonably be believed to prevent the spread of a fire onto lands protected by the District.
 - 3.5. When a response could reasonably be believed to substantially mitigate the risk of harm to life or property by preventing the spread of a fire onto other unprotected lands.
 - 3.6. To confirm incidents involving serious injury, illness, accident, or entrapment involving an immediate threat to life.
 - 3.7. Any incident that the Duty Officer or Chief Officer determines the District should respond to.
4. When the District responds into Unprotected Lands, the response will be specifically subject to the following conditions:
 - 4.1. All responses must be approved by the Duty Officer or Chief Officer.
 - 4.2. The response will not be permitted to interfere with responses within the District.
 - 4.3. Responses shall be limited to the minimum resources necessary to respond.
 - 4.4. Only qualified personnel may respond.
 - 4.5. District staff are authorized to bill affected parties, including individuals, companies, property owners, and agencies, for the actual costs of out-of-jurisdiction incident responses in accordance with the Washington Fire Chief's standardized fire service fee schedule. Collection of billed amounts shall comply with the District's Debt Collection policy, which is listed in Section 4 of this Resolution.
5. RCW 52.12.111 authorizes services outside the boundaries of the District "under conditions prescribed by the Board of Fire Commissioners." The District has determined that in situations where

the District is providing services outside of its boundaries in areas not covered by a mutual or automatic aid agreement, the District will establish and collect reasonable cost recovery charges to reimburse the District for providing services. The District has adopted the Washington State Association of Fire Chiefs' current published rate schedule as the basis for determining such charges. It is the District's Debt Collection policy that the Chief of the District is authorized and directed to collect the established charges for responses into Unprotected Lands in accordance with the following procedures:

- 5.1. For properties located in Unprotected Lands that do not have a protection agreement with the District, the District shall issue a billing statement to the recipient immediately after services have been rendered.
- 5.2. For unpaid bills, a follow-up bill shall be sent thirty days later, and a third notification shall be sent in another thirty days. In compliance with RCW 19.16.500, the third notification shall state that the debt may be assigned to the collection agency if it is not paid.
- 5.3. In the event it is determined that the charge cannot be collected through the above billing procedures, the Chief of the District is authorized to refer the charge to a commercial collection agency or, if appropriate, to write the charge off as an uncollectible debt.
6. The Chief or designee is authorized and directed to provide notice to all persons who might be subject to this resolution, by mail when feasible, or by publication in a newspaper or newspapers of general circulation, or by public service announcements in other media when feasible.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED in an Open Regular Meeting on this 20th day of August 2025.



Jenny Jones, Commissioner



Eric Heintzinger, Commissioner



Angela Stubblefield, Commissioner

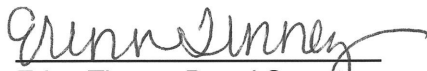


Amy Trachte, Commissioner



Commissioner Position #4

ATTEST:


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