

**KING COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT 45 – DUVALL FIRE
RESOLUTION NO. 2025-01**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS OF KING COUNTY
FIRE DISTRICT 45 – DUVALL FIRE DECLARING THE INTENT TO RENEW AND RE-
ESTABLISH A BENEFIT CHARGE WITHIN THE DISTRICT, AND CALLING FOR AN
ELECTION WITHIN THE DISTRICT OF A PROPOSITION AUTHORIZING THE
IMPOSITION OF A BENEFIT CHARGE ON PERSONAL PROPERTY AND
IMPROVEMENTS TO REAL PROPERTY WITHIN THE DISTRICT FOR UP TO SIX
YEARS**

RECITALS

WHEREAS, the District is authorized by Chapter 52.18 RCW to establish, impose and collect a Benefit Charge on assessed personal property and improvements to real property located within the District; and

WHEREAS, the voters approved a Benefit Charge in 2019 for a period of six years; and

WHEREAS, the District must obtain voter approval in order to renew the Benefit Charge, which would otherwise expire at the end of 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Fire Commissioners has determined that the property tax levy and other income is not sufficient to cover the cost of the operations of the District needed to maintain a satisfactory level of service within the District; and

WHEREAS, the District's operating budget for 2026 and corresponding level of service would have to be reduced unless the Benefit Charge is renewed; and

WHEREAS, it is reasonable and necessary that the District impose a Benefit Charge for the support of its legally authorized activities that will maintain or improve the service provided by the District;

**NOW THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS OF KING COUNTY FIRE
DISTRICT 45 – DUVALL FIRE RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1). Benefit Charge. It is the declared intent of the District to impose a Benefit Charge on personal property and improvements on real property to be paid by the owners of such properties.

Section 2). Effective Date. The proposed Benefit Charge would be imposed on the affected property beginning January 1, 2026, if approved by the voters.

Section 3). Notice of Benefit Charge. Property owners will be notified annually in writing of the amount of the Benefit Charge to be imposed on each property.

Section 4). Property owners shall be eligible to appeal their particular Benefit Charge assessed upon their property, pursuant to the provisions of RCW 52.18.070, establishing a Benefit Charge Review Board.

Section 5). Election. Pursuant to the provisions of RCW 52.18.050(3) there shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the District for their approval or rejection, at a special election to be held on April 22, 2025, the question of whether or not such Benefit Charge shall be continued, renewed and re-authorized. The Board Secretary is authorized and directed to request that the Elections Division of King County hold such election, the ballot question for which is to be precisely as prescribed by RCW 52.18.050(3), to wit:

“Shall King County Fire District 45 – Duvall Fire be authorized to continue voter-authorized benefit charges each year for six consecutive years, not to exceed an amount equal to sixty percent of its operating budget, and be prohibited from imposing an additional property tax under RCW 52.16.160?”

YES [] NO []

Section 6). Local Voters’ Pamphlet Requested. Pursuant to the provisions of R.C.W. 29A.32.210 *et seq.*, it is requested that the King County Council authorize the publication and distribution of a local voters' pamphlet for King County Fire District 45 – Duvall Fire to cover the ballot measure identified in this Resolution. It is understood that the cost of producing and distributing the pamphlet will be a cost of the election as provided in R.C.W. 29A.32.270.

**ADOPTED AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
OF KING COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT 45 – DUVALL FIRE THIS 12th DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2025.**

**KING COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT 45 – DUVALL FIRE
COUNTY OF KING, WASHINGTON**

Approved as to Form:

/s/ Eric Quinn
Eric Quinn, District Counsel



Brian Robertson, Commissioner, Position 1

/s/ Mike Beard

Mike Beard, Commissioner, Position 2



Jerry Smith, Commissioner, Position 3

Attest:



Melissa Knutson, Board Secretary