



**SOUTH BAY FIRE DEPARTMENT
THURSTON COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION
DISTRICT 8**

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**RESOLUTION 14-03
RESPONSE TO PETITION FOR MERGER**

WHEREAS, the Board of Fire Commissioners (“Board”) for Thurston County Fire Protection District 8 (“District 8”) received a PETITION FOR MERGER (“Petition”) from the Board of Fire Commissioners for Thurston County Fire Protection District 7 (“District 7”), dated February 3rd, 2014, pursuant to RCW 52.06.020 to merge District 7 into District 8; and

WHEREAS, the Board received a second successive Petition from the Board of District 7 dated June 2nd, 2014, likewise pursuant to RCW 52.06.020, to merge District 7 into District 8; and

WHEREAS, the Board has performed its due diligence to determine the impacts on District 8 resulting from such a merger, informed the Citizens of District 8 of the Petition and the desire for District 7 to merge into District 8, and has sought out the issues, interests and comments of citizens, members and others regarding the proposal; and

WHEREAS, the Board acknowledges and supports the implementation of the *Emergency Services Integration Plan*, and incident readiness and response strategies in particular, that provide for continued service improvements to the Station 8-2/8-3 areas as well as planned staffing of Stations 7-1 and 8-1; and

WHEREAS, the Board has reviewed the Petition and find it is in the best interest of both District 8 and District 7 that District 7 be merged into and become a part of District 8.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board accepts the Petition Terms and Conditions as stated in the Petition dated June 2nd, 2014, as presented to it.

ADOPTED at the regular meeting of the Board this 19th day of June, 2014, the following majority of Commissioners being present and voting:

ATTEST:

Richard Small, as Commissioner for
Thurston County Fire Prot Dist 8 (Pos.1)

Tom Engle, as Commissioner for
Thurston County Fire Prot Dist 8 (Pos.2)

Art Getchman as Commissioner for
Thurston County Fire Prot Dist 8 (Pos. 3)

Heidi Stumpf, as District Secretary for
Thurston County Fire Prot Dist 8

PETITION FOR MERGER

COME NOW the undersigned Commissioners of THURSTON COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 7, pursuant to RCW 52.06.020, and petition the Commissioners of THURSTON COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 8 for a merger of the two Districts, as allowed by law.

REASONS FOR MERGER:

The reasons for merging the two Districts are as follows:

1. To increase efficiency and effectiveness in the delivery of those services authorized by law to be performed by Fire Protection Districts.
2. To achieve economies in operation and maintenance of equipment that are not feasible to achieve as separate Districts.
3. To accomplish reorganization of personnel and complete the combination of services already achieved or planned under the current agreement between these two Districts.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF MERGER:

The merger should be accomplished under the following terms and conditions:

1. THURSTON COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 8 shall serve as the lead agency for all purposes related to the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) and the Boundary Review Board Statute (RCW 36.93), in connection with the merger process.
2. THURSTON COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 7 shall be considered the "merging District" and shall cease to exist after the merger.

3. THURSTON COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 8 shall be considered the "merger District" and shall therefore survive the merger.

4. The two combined or merged districts shall then constitute one District, having the boundaries theretofore enjoyed by the two Districts.

5. The Board of Commissioners of the merged Fire Protection District shall consist of the duly elected Fire Commissioners of the two prior districts, initially, in accordance with RCW 52.06.085, upon the effective date of the merger.

6. All of the statutory provisions of RCW 52.06 regarding mergers of Fire Districts shall be followed and observed by both Districts.

7. The effective date of the merger shall be the date of the concurrent resolutions of the districts approving the merger.

8. The parties will comply with the provisions of RCW 52.06.110, RCW 52.06.120 and RCW 52.06.130 regarding any current employees of THURSTON COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 7.

9. All assets of THURSTON COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 7 shall become assets of THURSTON COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 8 once the merger is affective and THURSTON COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 7 shall thereafter be dissolved.

10. Both districts and their commissioners agree that a ballot proposition shall be placed upon the ballot immediately after the effective date of merger, to increase the number of commissioners of the merged district to five commissioners, pursuant to RCW 52.14.015.

11. Both districts and their commissioners agree that the Emergency Services Integration Plan adopted jointly on February 3, 2104, where not overridden by the agreed Terms and Conditions or other legal requirements of the Merger, and as jointly amended by the Boards from time to time, will guide the implementation of joint operations.

12. Consummation of the Merger is contingent on approval of a levy lid lift to One Dollar and Fifty Cents (\$1.50) per One Thousand Dollars of assessed property valuation by the voters of THURSTON COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT NO. 7 prior to the effective date of the Merger.

WHEREFORE, the undersigned duly elected Commissioners of THURSTON COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 7 do request and petition for merger with THURSTON COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 8.

SIGNED this 2nd day of June, 2014.

THURSTON COUNTY FIRE
PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 7

By 
William M Harper, Chairman

By 
Richard Gleckler, Commissioner

By 
Michael Berman, Commissioner