



# Gig Harbor Fire & Medic One

RESOLUTION 2021-13

July 13, 2021

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS OF PIERCE COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 5 (Gig Harbor Fire & Medic One) ESTABLISHING A MEDICAL SERVICES MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM, SETTING FORTH THE QUALIFICATIONS OF MEMBERSHIP AND THE BENEFITS OF SUCH MEMBERSHIP.

**WHEREAS**, Gig Harbor Fire & Medic One levies not only a general tax on taxable property within the District, but also an emergency medical services levy, to be used for emergency medical services, including transporting patients with life threatening or non-life threatening injuries; and

**WHEREAS**, as established by the Board of Fire Commissioners in this Resolution, the proceeds of this levy will in part be used to provide payment of charges incurred by qualified residents and taxpayers of the District for Fire Department transports, as to that portion of the charges which are not payable by third parties and insurers, as allowed by law; and

**WHEREAS**, this resolution is conditioned upon continuing approval by the qualified electors of the District of the EMS tax levy;

**NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED:**

Section 1. All persons who are transported by Pierce County Fire Protection District No.5 ambulances or other apparatus shall be charged for all services as a result of the transport at the rates set forth in resolution by the Board of Fire Commissioners and as amended from time to time. Each person transported will be billed for all services provided. Medical services members and non-members will be billed at the same rate.

Section 2. By reason of the EMS property tax levy, which will be levied against all taxable property within the limits of Pierce County Fire Protection District No.5, each taxpayer or resident, upon proof of residency and signing (by recipient or authorized representative) of a Medical Service Membership form containing an affirmation of residency (and/or description of real property on which property taxes have been paid) and an assignment of benefits to Pierce County Fire District #5, together with an appropriate release of medical information, shall become a medical services member and be entitled to membership benefits. Such members receiving transport by the District shall be deemed to have paid by reason of the levy that portion of the charges incurred which is not payable by third parties or insurers, including but not limited to any insurance or medical benefits of coverage of charges in excess of available insurance or medical benefits. Such membership shall cease when or if:

- (1) A member ceases to be a resident or a taxpayer of the district; or

- (2) A member refuses to provide requested information pertaining to third party coverage or to provide appropriate releases of information and assignment of benefits to Gig Harbor Fire & Medic One on forms provided; or
- (3) Such membership benefit is limited or extinguished by amendment of the levy.

“Resident” means a resident within the fire district who has maintained his/her primary dwelling within the fire district boundaries for a period of at least thirty (30) days and shall also include any resident of the areas served by Gig Harbor Fire & Medic One, whether by contract, annexation or any other means. “Taxpayer” means a person who has paid EMS real property taxes on property owned within the district, and includes himself or herself and any spouse, if the property is owned as community property and shall also include any taxpayers of the areas, such as cities, served by Gig Harbor Fire & Medic One, whether by contract, annexation or any other means

Section 3. Non-members: Persons receiving transport by PCFD #5 equipment who are not entitled to membership shall be required to pay all charges incurred. Billing procedures shall follow the Pierce County Fire Protection District 5 Fee Schedule rates which are set forth in resolution by the Board of Fire Commissioners. Non-members remain fully responsible for any amount due which is not paid by third parties.

Section 4. This Resolution shall take effect on July 13, 2021.

Approved at a regular meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners, Pierce County Fire District No. 5, this 13<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2021.

Attest:




District Secretary


PIERCE COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT NO. 5

  
Alex Wilsie (Aug 12, 2021 13:50 PDT)

Chairman

  
Thomas A Sutich (Jul 16, 2021 13:47 PDT)

Commissioner

  
Kevin L Entze (Jul 16, 2021 13:01 PDT)

Commissioner

  
Bryce Nelson (Jul 17, 2021 17:28 PDT)

Commissioner

  
Joe Untha (Jul 16, 2021 10:56 PDT)

Commissioner