

# KENT FIRE DEPARTMENT REGIONAL FIRE AUTHORITY

## RESOLUTION NO. 108

### CHANGING NAME TO PUGET SOUND REGIONAL FIRE AUTHORITY

#### **Background:**

WHEREAS, the Kent Fire Department Regional Fire Authority currently provides services within the cities of Kent, Covington, and SeaTac, as well as in unincorporated King County; and

WHEREAS, the Kent Fire Department Regional Fire Authority has been engaged in formal discussions involving the potential annexation of the City of Tukwila Fire Department and Maple Valley Fire and Rescue into the Kent Fire Department Regional Fire Authority; and

WHEREAS, the Governance Board has determined that the current name, because of its narrow geographic focus, is not adequately representative of the citizens served by the RFA and may impede the future expansion of the RFA to other jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, RFA staff have gone through a formal process of evaluating potential name changes and, as a result of that process, the Fire Chief has recommended that the name of the RFA be changed from Kent Fire Department Regional Fire Authority to Puget Sound Regional Fire Authority; and

WHEREAS, the Puget Sound region is defined as a coastal area which includes Puget Sound, the Puget Sound lowlands, and the surrounding region roughly west of the Cascade Range and east of the Olympic Mountains; and

WHEREAS, the residents, businesses, communities, and visitors currently served by the RFA are all located within the Puget Sound region; and

WHEREAS, future potential expansions of the RFA will involve communities located within the Puget Sound region; and

WHEREAS, Puget Sound Regional Fire Authority is inclusive of the residents, business, communities, and visitors currently served by the RFA, and will promote the public interest by making the RFA more recognizable with the area it serves as well as nationally; and

WHEREAS, in order to change the name, the Kent Fire Department Regional Fire Authority Plan Sections 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9 must be amended to reflect the name Puget Sound Regional Fire Authority;

**Resolution:** NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Board of the Kent Fire Department Regional Fire Authority as follows:

1. The name of the Kent Fire Department Regional Fire Authority is hereby changed to Puget Sound Regional Fire Authority effective January 1, 2017.
2. Sections 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9 of the Kent Fire Department Regional Fire Authority Plan shall be amended to reflect the name change to be effective January 1, 2017.
3. RFA staff are authorized and directed to undertake all necessary steps to implement the name change in the most efficient method possible.

**ADOPTED** by the Governance Board of Kent Fire Department Regional Fire Authority in a regular open public meeting on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2016.

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