CITY OF FIRCREST
ORDINANCE NO. 1764

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIRCREST, WASHINGTON, FIXING THE AMOUNT OF THE ANNUAL EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES TAX LEVY NECESSARY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2027; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Fircrest has met and considered its budget for the calendar year 2027; and

WHEREAS, the population of the City of Fircrest is less than 10,000; and

WHEREAS, the City Council conducted the public hearing on the 2027 revenue sources on October 27, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fircrest's actual EMS levy amount for the previous year was $585,225.87; and

WHEREAS, on August 4, 2026, voters approved an EMS levy rate of $0.50 per $1,000 of assessed valuation; and

WHEREAS, the City Council, after reviewing and duly considering all relevant evidence, has determined an EMS property tax levy of $0.50 per $1,000 of assessed valuation is necessary to meet the City's EMS expenses and obligations and is in the best interest of the City and its residents;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIRCREST DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. EMS Property Tax Levy. The voter-approved EMS property tax levy is hereby authorized to be collected in the 2027 tax year at a rate of $0.50 per $1,000 of assessed value, as approved by voters on August 4, 2026.

Section 2. Purpose of Levy. The EMS property taxes herein provided for are levied for the purpose of funding emergency medical services for the City of Fircrest, including emergency medical response, ambulance services, and other associated costs necessary to provide emergency medical care to the community for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2027, and ending December 31, 2027. Said taxes are hereby levied upon all real and personal property within the City of Fircrest subject to taxation, as shown by the assessment in Pierce County as finally fixed by law.

Section 3. Notification. The City Manager is directed to certify the dollar amount to be raised on real and personal property and to transmit the certification of same to the Pierce County Council and the Pierce County Assessor-Treasurer's Office.

Section 4. Corrections. The City Clerk and codifiers of the ordinance are authorized to make necessary corrections to this ordinance including, but not limited to, the correction of scrivener/clerical errors, references, ordinance numbering, section/subsection numbers and any references thereto.

Section 5. Severability. If any section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance is declared unconstitutional or invalid for any reason, such invalidity shall not affect the validity or effectiveness of the remaining portions of this ordinance.

Section 6. Summary, Publication, and Effective Date. This Ordinance or a summary thereof consisting of the title, shall be published in the official newspaper of the City, and shall take effect and be in full force five (5) days after its adoption and publication as required by law.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIRCREST, WASHINGTON, at a regular meeting thereof this 10th day of November 2026.

APPROVED:

Nikki Bufford, Mayor

ATTEST:

Arlette Burkhart, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Lisa Marshall, City Attorney

Publication Date:
Effective Date:

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