

**SOUTH SNOHOMISH COUNTY FIRE & RESCUE REGIONAL FIRE AUTHORITY
RESOLUTION NO. 02212023-07**

**EXPRESSING SUPPORT OF BALLOT MEASURE FOR CITY OF BRIER TO ANNEX INTO
SOUTH SNOHOMISH COUNTY FIRE & RESCUE REGIONAL FIRE AUTHORITY**

WHEREAS, South Snohomish County Fire & Rescue Regional Fire Authority ("South County Fire") was created in order to regionalize fire and emergency medical services in South Snohomish County, thereby providing an enhanced level of service while reducing redundancies in the region;

WHEREAS, South County Fire's Regional Fire Authority Plan anticipates the annexation of cities into South County Fire;

WHEREAS, the City of Brier is within reasonable proximity to SCF and has, pursuant to RCW 52.26.300, requested to annex into SCF effective August 1, 2023;

WHEREAS, the Governing Board of SCF believes annexation is in the best interest of the citizens of SCF and the City of Brier;

WHEREAS, on February 14, 2023, the Brier City Council adopted Resolution 595, requesting that the Snohomish County Auditor place a proposition on the special election ballot to be held on April 25, 2023, for the voters of the City to approve or reject the annexation of the City of Brier to be part of SCF effective August 1, 2023;

WHEREAS, RCW 42.17A.555 authorizes the Governing Board to take collective action regarding ballot measures appearing before the voters so long as the action is taken at a public meeting, the intended action is identified on the agenda, and the opportunity for supporting and opposing views is given to attendees at the public meeting; and

WHEREAS, in light of the benefits to be obtained by regionalization, it is appropriate that the Governing Board support the Proposition No. 1 ballot measure as permitted pursuant to RCW 42.17A.555.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved as follows:

1. The Governing Board of South County Fire supports City of Brier Proposition No. 1, that the City of Brier be annexed into the South Snohomish County Fire & Rescue Regional Fire Authority, effective August 1, 2023, that will be voted on by the citizens of Brier in the April 25, 2023, special election.

The Proposition ballot title is as follows:

Shall the City of Brier be annexed into and be a part of the South Snohomish County Fire & Rescue Regional Fire Authority, effective August 1, 2023, per Brier City Council Resolution No. 595?

YES _____

NO _____

2. This Resolution shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage.

RESOLVED this 21st day of February 2023 the following commissioners being present and voting.

By: Derek Daniels
Its: Board Chair

By: Jim Kenny
Its: Commissioner

By: Micah Rowland
Its: Vice Chair

By: Mark Laurence
Its: Commissioner

By: David Chan
Its: Commissioner

By: Michael Fearnough
Its: Commissioner

By: Chris Teofilak
Its: Commissioner

ATTEST:

By: Melissa Blankenship
Its: District Secretary