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Introduced by: Nickels
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AN ORDINANCE relating to the change of name of Fire Protection District No. 11 to "North Highline Fire District".

STATEMENT OF FINDINGS:

1. The Board of Commissioners of Fire Protection District No. 11, King County, has determined that it would be in the best interests of the district to change its name to "Highline Fire District".
2. The district filed Resolution No. 314 with the King County council June 18, 1993, resolving to change the name of the district from Fire Protection District No. 11 to "Highline Fire District".
3. Subsequently in correspondence dated September 14, 1993 the Board of Commissioners of Fire Protection District No. 11 proposed amending the original proposal to "North Highline Fire District."

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

NEW SECTION. SECTION 1. The King County council, pursuant to RCW 52.30.060, approves the change in name of Fire Protection District No. 11 to "North Highline Fire District".

INTRODUCED AND READ for the first time this 16th day of July, 1993.
PASSED this 4th day of October, 1993.

KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Patricia Sullivan
VICE Chair

ATTEST:

Gerald A. Foster
Clerk of the Council

APPROVED this 15th day of OCTOBER, 1993

Patricia B. Steel
for King County Executive

Attachments: Resolution 314
Letter Dated Sept. 14, 1993
from Fire Protection Dist. No. 11

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FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT ELEVEN, KING COUNTY
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RESOLUTION NO. 314
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KING COUNTY COUNCIL.

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A **RESOLUTION** of the Board of Commissioners of King County Fire Protection District Eleven, King County, Washington, changing the name of the Fire District.

WHEREAS, the Fire District number does not offer any indication of the area it serves; and,

WHEREAS, King County Fire District Eleven serves communities in the area known as the Highline area; and,

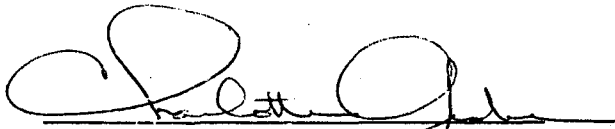
WHEREAS, the Board of Fire Commissioners of King County Fire District Eleven have determined it is in the Fire District's best interest to have its name reflect the area it serves; and,

WHEREAS, RCW 52.30.060 provides a procedure for a fire protection district to change its name.


NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of King County Fire Protection District Eleven, King County, Washington, that the Fire District shall heretofore bear the name of **Highline Fire District**. This resolution shall be effective upon approval by the King County Council, pursuant to RCW 52.30.060.

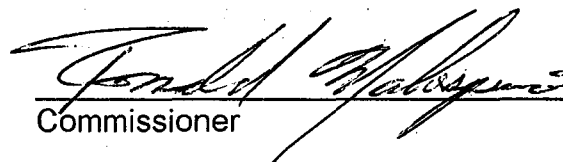
ADOPTED at the regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of King County Fire District Eleven on the 15th day of June, 1993.

ATTEST:


Secretary of the Board


Chairman, Commissioner


Commissioner


Commissioner

King County Fire District 11

1243 Southwest 112th Street
Seattle, Washington 98146
Phone: (206) 243-0330

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KING COUNTY COUNCIL
DISTRICT NO. 8

September 14, 1993

The Honorable Greg Nickels, Member
King County Council
402 King County Courthouse
516 3rd Avenue
Seattle, Washington 98104

RE: Proposed Name Change of King County Fire Protection District No. 11

Dear Councilmember Nickels:

Thank you for your efforts in our behalf to change our district's name to one that is descriptive of the area we serve. We fully recognize the objections voiced by some jurisdictions to our initially proposed name of Highline Fire District, and we appreciate your willingness to involve Mr. Ceis to facilitate a resolution of our differences.

District No. 11 representatives met twice with representatives from District No. 2 in an effort to reach some compromise on the selection of a name. District No. 11 acknowledges that the name "Highline Fire District" denotes a service area broader than the district's boundaries. In that respect, we acknowledge that the objections of District No. 2 and others have some reasonable basis. Consequently, we are proposing that our original proposal be amended to the name "North Highline Fire District" which best reflects our service area. We selected the name "North Highline" after considering a number of alternatives that we found were too narrow in their description of our service area.

During our initial meeting with District No. 2 representatives, they agreed with us that the District No. 11 service area was broader than White Center, and in fact is made up of a number of distinct communities including a portion of the City of Burien.



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In our most recent meeting with District No. 2, the parties recognized that the Highline area is served approximately equally by Districts No. 2, No. 11, No. 26 and the City of SeaTac, and that District No. 11 serves the northern portion of the Highline area.

Based on our understanding of the fire service entities involved in the Highline area and our relative geographic position within the Highline boundaries, we strongly believe the use of the name "North Highline Fire District" is a reasonable compromise in response to the objections raised by District No. 2 and other jurisdictions.

In selecting North Highline we accomplished the following:

1. We have eliminated the suggestion that we serve areas beyond our boundaries.
2. We have selected a name that most accurately depicts the service umbrella under which we protect the many communities within our district.
3. We have eliminated an artificial barrier to future fire service consolidation considerations that will likely arise from the study now underway in the "Salt Water Ridge" service area.

We strongly believe the compromise we propose meets the objectives of our desire to change the district's name and resolves the legitimate objections of our neighboring jurisdictions. We know, however, that District No. 2 objects to our use of the name Highline in any form, and that they have raised a new issue concerning our proposed name change and its impact on the Salt Water Ridge study now under way. We disagree with their view that the name change will adversely impact the study. In fact, as stated earlier, the change will clear the way for resolution of the many substantive issues that will need attention when the study is completed at year end.

District No. 2 has suggested that a District No. 11 name change during the Salt Water Ridge study period will only confuse the public. We believe the public, as well as some civic and elected leaders, presently have a misunderstanding of the area District No. 11 serves. We also believe that attempts to confine our identity solely to that of White Center Fire Department has adversely impacted efforts to consolidate fire services into a more cost and service-effective entity.

We have witnessed countless instances in which elected officials and some civic leaders from neighboring jurisdictions have made derogatory references to White Center, and have used those references as reasons why consolidation of Highline area fire services would not be in the public interest. We believe the public interest is best

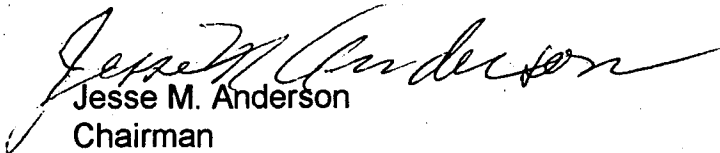
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served by dispelling such negative references. We also believe the change of name will contribute materially to improving the negative perceptions of our neighbors, thereby making implementation of the Salt Water Ridge study results more attainable.

We would appreciate our name change of North Highline Fire District being placed on the earliest possible agenda. Thanks again for your contributions toward resolving this issue. We urge your support of our amended request, and the support of the entire Council. Please contact me at 243-0330 if you need more information or wish to discuss this matter.

Sincerely,



Jesse M. Anderson
Chairman

JMA:cg

cc: King County Council Members
Cities of Burien, Des Moines, Federal Way, Normandy Park, SeaTac
King County Fire Districts 2, 26, 39