PIERCE COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 3

RESOLUTION NO. 011811-487

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING AN EMS MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM, SETTING FORTH THE QUALIFICATIONS OF MEMBERSHIP AND THE BENEFITS OF SUCH MEMBERSHIP.

WHEREAS:

pursuant to RCW 52.12.131 which authorizes any fire protection district which provides emergency medical services, to, by resolution, establish and collect reasonable charges for these services in order to reimburse the district for its cost of providing emergency medical services; and,

WHEREAS: Resolution 120710-485 establishes said fees for Fire District 3;

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS FOR PIERCE COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NUMBER THREE AS FOLLOWS:

- Section 1. Charges All persons who are transported by Pierce County Fire Protection District No. 3 (PCFD 3) shall be charged for all services as a result of the transport at the rates set forth in resolution 120710-485, as amended from time to time. Each person transported will be billed for all services provided. Emergency Medical Services (EMS) members and non-members will be billed at the same rate.
- **EMS Membership Benefits** By reason of the EMS property tax levy, which is levied against property within PCFD 3, each resident, upon proof of residency and signing (by recipient or authorized representative) of a PCFD 3 EMS Membership form containing an affirmation of residency and an assignment of benefits to PCFD 3, together with an appropriate release of medical information, shall become a PCFD 3 EMS member and be entitled to membership benefits as herein provided. A PCFD 3 EMS member receiving transport by PCFD 3 shall be deemed to have paid (by reason of the EMS levy) that portion of the charges not payable by third parties or insurers, including but not limited to any insurance or medical benefits of any nature available to such member. This PCFD 3 EMS membership benefit of coverage of charges in excess of available insurance or medical benefits shall cease when or if:
 - 1. A member ceases to be a resident;
 - 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 the District on forms provided by the District; or
 - 3. Such EMS membership benefit is limited or extinguished by amendment or repeal of this resolution.
- Non-members Persons receiving transport by PCFD 3 who are not entitled to a PCFD 3 EMS membership shall be required to pay all charges incurred. Where practical, the District, will, with the authorization of a non-member receiving transport services, first seek payment of charges incurred from such non-member's insurance or other medical benefit provider, but such non-member shall remain fully responsible for any amount due which is not paid by such third parties.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 18th DAY OF JANUARY 2011 BY THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS FOR PIERCE COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRI<u>CT</u> NO. 3.

Chairman

Commissioner

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ATTEST:

District Secretary