



MASON COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT #4

TITLE: VACANCIES/UNEXCUSED ABSENCES

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APPROVED: _____ Brett Bishop, Chair

1. POLICY: In case of a Board vacancy, the remaining commissioners shall fill such vacancy by appointment. The Board will receive applications from any qualified persons seeking to fill the position after suitable public notice including but not limited to advertising in newspapers of general circulation in the fire district. The vacancy shall, within sixty (60) days, be filled by appointment of a resident elector of the district by a vote of the remaining fire commissioners. The person appointed shall serve until a successor has been elected and qualified. If the Board of commissioners fails to fill the vacancy within the sixty-day period, the county legislative body shall make the appointment. If the number of vacancies is such that there is not a majority of the full number of commissioners in office, the county legislative body shall within thirty (30) days of the vacancies appoint the required number to create a majority to fill the vacancies on an interim basis through the next general election.

An appointee shall meet the requirements provided by law and shall serve until the next regularly scheduled fire district election, at which time a commissioner shall be elected for the unexpired term.

If a fire commissioner is absent from the district for three (3) consecutive regularly scheduled meetings, unless by permission of the Board, the office shall be declared vacant by the Board. Such action shall not be taken unless the commissioner is notified by mail after two consecutive absences that the position will be declared vacant if the commissioner is absent without being excused from the next regularly scheduled meeting. The vacancy shall then be filled as provided in chapter 44.14 RCW.