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Pat McCarthy

## **Financial Statements Audit Report**

# **King County Fire Protection District No. 27**

**For the period January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2020**

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December 6, 2021

Board of Commissioners  
King County Fire Protection District No. 27  
Fall City, Washington

**Report on Financial Statements**

Please find attached our report on King County Fire Protection District No. 27's financial statements.

We are issuing this report in order to provide information on the District's financial condition.

Sincerely,

Pat McCarthy, State Auditor  
Olympia, WA

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*

### **King County Fire Protection District No. 27 January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2020**

Board of Commissioners  
King County Fire Protection District No. 27  
Fall City, Washington

We have audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of King County Fire Protection District No. 27, as of and for the years ended December 31, 2020, 2019 and 2018, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated November 30, 2021.

We issued an unmodified opinion on the fair presentation of the District's financial statements in accordance with its regulatory basis of accounting. We issued an adverse opinion on the fair presentation with regard to accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) because the financial statements are prepared by the District using accounting practices prescribed by state law and the State Auditor's *Budgeting, Accounting and Reporting System* (BARS) manual described in Note 1, which is a basis of accounting other than GAAP. The effects on the financial statements of the variances between the basis of accounting described in Note 1 and accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, although not reasonably determinable, are presumed to be material.

As discussed in Note 6 to the 2019 financial statements, during the year ended December 31, 2019, the District adopted new accounting guidance for presentation and disclosure of postemployment benefits other than pensions, as required by the BARS Manual.

As discussed in Note 8 to the 2019 and 2020 financial statements, the full extent of the COVID-19 pandemic's direct or indirect financial impact on the District is unknown. Management's plans in response to this matter are also described in Note 8.

## INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING

In planning and performing our audits of the financial statements, we considered the District's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control.

A *deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the District's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

## COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the District's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of the District's compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion.

The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

## PURPOSE OF THIS REPORT

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the District's internal control

and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose. However, this report is a matter of public record and its distribution is not limited. It also serves to disseminate information to the public as a reporting tool to help citizens assess government operations.

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Olympia, WA

November 30, 2021

# INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

## Report on the Financial Statements

### **King County Fire Protection District No. 27 January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2020**

Board of Commissioners  
King County Fire Protection District No. 27  
Fall City, Washington

## **REPORT ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of King County Fire Protection District No. 27, for the years ended December 31, 2020, 2019 and 2018, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's financial statements, as listed on page 11.

### **Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements**

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with the financial reporting provisions of state law and the *Budgeting, Accounting and Reporting System* (BARS) manual prescribed by the State Auditor described in Note 1. This includes determining that the basis of accounting is acceptable for the presentation of the financial statements in the circumstances. Management is also responsible for the design, implementation and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

### **Auditor's Responsibility**

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audits. We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the District's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

### **Unmodified Opinion on Regulatory Basis of Accounting (BARS Manual)**

As described in Note 1, King County Fire Protection District No. 27 has prepared these financial statements to meet the financial reporting requirements of state law using accounting practices prescribed by the State Auditor's *Budgeting, Accounting and Reporting System* (BARS) manual. Those accounting practices differ from accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP). The differences in these accounting practices are also described in Note 1.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the cash and investments of King County Fire Protection District No. 27, and its changes in cash and investments, for the years ended December 31, 2020, 2019 and 2018, on the basis of accounting described in Note 1.

### **Basis for Adverse Opinion on U.S. GAAP**

Auditing standards issued by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA) require auditors to formally acknowledge when governments do not prepare their financial statements, intended for general use, in accordance with GAAP. The effects on the financial statements of the variances between GAAP and the accounting practices the District used, as described in Note 1, although not reasonably determinable, are presumed to be material. As a result, we are required to issue an adverse opinion on whether the financial statements are presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with GAAP.



## **Adverse Opinion on U.S. GAAP**

The financial statements referred to above were not intended to, and in our opinion they do not, present fairly, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the financial position of King County Fire Protection District No. 27, as of December 31, 2020, 2019 and 2018, or the changes in financial position or cash flows thereof for the years then ended, due to the significance of the matter discussed in the above “Basis for Adverse Opinion on U.S. GAAP” paragraph.

## **Matters of Emphasis**

As discussed in Note 6 to the 2019 financial statements, during the year ended December 31, 2019, the District adopted new accounting guidance for presentation and disclosure of postemployment benefits other than pensions, as required by the BARS Manual. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

As discussed in Note 8 to the 2019 and 2020 financial statements, the full extent of the COVID-19 pandemic’s direct or indirect financial impact on the District is unknown. Management’s plans in response to this matter are also described in Note 8. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

## **Other Matters**

### ***Supplementary and Other Information***

Our audits were conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements taken as a whole. The Schedules of Liabilities are presented for purposes of additional analysis, as required by the prescribed BARS manual. These schedules are not a required part of the financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the information is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

## OTHER REPORTING REQUIRED BY GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated November 30, 2021 on our consideration of the District's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

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Olympia, WA

November 30, 2021

## **FINANCIAL SECTION**

### **King County Fire Protection District No. 27 January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2020**

#### **FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

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**King County Fire Protection District No. 27**  
**Fund Resources and Uses Arising from Cash Transactions**  
**For the Year Ended December 31, 2020**

		<b>Total for All Funds (Memo Only)</b>	<b>001 General</b>	<b>201 Debt Svc</b>
<b>Beginning Cash and Investments</b>				
308	Beginning Cash and Investments	1,760,306	1,750,480	9,826
388 / 588	Net Adjustments	-	-	-
<b>Revenues</b>				
310	Taxes	2,240,541	2,080,408	160,133
320	Licenses and Permits	-	-	-
330	Intergovernmental Revenues	121,653	121,464	189
340	Charges for Goods and Services	17,758	17,758	-
350	Fines and Penalties	-	-	-
360	Miscellaneous Revenues	42,425	41,627	798
Total Revenues:		<u>2,422,377</u>	<u>2,261,257</u>	<u>161,120</u>
<b>Expenditures</b>				
510	General Government	-	-	-
520	Public Safety	2,245,438	2,245,138	300
Total Expenditures:		<u>2,245,438</u>	<u>2,245,138</u>	<u>300</u>
Excess (Deficiency) Revenues over Expenditures:		<u>176,939</u>	<u>16,119</u>	<u>160,820</u>
<b>Other Increases in Fund Resources</b>				
391-393, 596	Debt Proceeds	-	-	-
397	Transfers-In	-	-	-
385	Special or Extraordinary Items	-	-	-
381, 382, 389, 395, 398	Other Resources	-	-	-
Total Other Increases in Fund Resources:		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Other Decreases in Fund Resources</b>				
594-595	Capital Expenditures	-	-	-
591-593, 599	Debt Service	227,578	59,578	168,000
597	Transfers-Out	-	-	-
585	Special or Extraordinary Items	-	-	-
581, 582, 589	Other Uses	-	-	-
Total Other Decreases in Fund Resources:		<u>227,578</u>	<u>59,578</u>	<u>168,000</u>
<b>Increase (Decrease) in Cash and Investments:</b>		<u><b>(50,639)</b></u>	<u><b>(43,459)</b></u>	<u><b>(7,180)</b></u>
<b>Ending Cash and Investments</b>				
50821	Nonspendable	-	-	-
50831	Restricted	2,645	-	2,645
50841	Committed	-	-	-
50851	Assigned	-	-	-
50891	Unassigned	1,707,019	1,707,019	-
<b>Total Ending Cash and Investments</b>		<u><b>1,709,664</b></u>	<u><b>1,707,019</b></u>	<u><b>2,645</b></u>

**King County Fire Protection District No. 27**  
**Fund Resources and Uses Arising from Cash Transactions**  
**For the Year Ended December 31, 2019**

		<b>Total for All Funds (Memo Only)</b>	<b>001 General</b>	<b>201 Debt Svc</b>
<b>Beginning Cash and Investments</b>				
30810	Reserved	8,236	-	8,236
30880	Unreserved	1,684,977	1,684,977	-
388 / 588	Net Adjustments	-	-	-
<b>Revenues</b>				
310	Taxes	2,222,886	2,060,909	161,977
320	Licenses and Permits	-	-	-
330	Intergovernmental Revenues	145,004	144,810	194
340	Charges for Goods and Services	39,652	39,652	-
350	Fines and Penalties	1,200	1,200	-
360	Miscellaneous Revenues	42,654	41,184	1,470
Total Revenues:		2,451,396	2,287,755	163,641
<b>Expenditures</b>				
510	General Government	-	-	-
520	Public Safety	2,125,902	2,125,602	300
Total Expenditures:		2,125,902	2,125,602	300
Excess (Deficiency) Revenues over Expenditures:		325,494	162,153	163,341
<b>Other Increases in Fund Resources</b>				
391-393, 596	Debt Proceeds	-	-	-
397	Transfers-In	-	-	-
385	Special or Extraordinary Items	-	-	-
386 / 389	Custodial Activities	-	-	-
381, 382, 395, 398	Other Resources	2,292	2,292	-
Total Other Increases in Fund Resources:		2,292	2,292	-
<b>Other Decreases in Fund Resources</b>				
594-595	Capital Expenditures	39,363	39,363	-
591-593, 599	Debt Service	221,329	59,579	161,750
597	Transfers-Out	-	-	-
585	Special or Extraordinary Items	-	-	-
586 / 589	Custodial Activities	-	-	-
581, 582	Other Uses	-	-	-
Total Other Decreases in Fund Resources:		260,692	98,942	161,750
<b>Increase (Decrease) in Cash and Investments:</b>		<b>67,094</b>	<b>65,503</b>	<b>1,591</b>
<b>Ending Cash and Investments</b>				
5081000	Reserved	9,826	-	9,826
5088000	Unreserved	1,750,480	1,750,480	-
<b>Total Ending Cash and Investments</b>		<b>1,760,306</b>	<b>1,750,480</b>	<b>9,826</b>

**King County Fire Protection District No. 27**  
**Fund Resources and Uses Arising from Cash Transactions**  
**For the Year Ended December 31, 2018**

		<b>Total for All Funds (Memo Only)</b>	<b>001 General</b>	<b>201 Debt Svc</b>
<b>Beginning Cash and Investments</b>				
30810	Reserved	6,054	-	6,054
30880	Unreserved	1,496,424	1,496,424	-
388 / 588	Net Adjustments	-	-	-
<b>Revenues</b>				
310	Taxes	2,169,029	2,002,982	166,048
320	Licenses and Permits	-	-	-
330	Intergovernmental Revenues	127,838	127,809	29
340	Charges for Goods and Services	27,112	27,112	-
350	Fines and Penalties	2,400	2,400	-
360	Miscellaneous Revenues	31,530	30,375	1,155
Total Revenues:		2,357,910	2,190,678	167,232
<b>Expenditures</b>				
510	General Government	-	-	-
520	Public Safety	1,936,718	1,936,418	300
Total Expenditures:		1,936,718	1,936,418	300
Excess (Deficiency) Revenues over Expenditures:		421,192	254,260	166,932
<b>Other Increases in Fund Resources</b>				
391-393, 596	Debt Proceeds	-	-	-
397	Transfers-In	-	-	-
385	Special or Extraordinary Items	-	-	-
386 / 389	Custodial Activities	-	-	-
381, 382, 395, 398	Other Resources	19,250	19,250	-
Total Other Increases in Fund Resources:		19,250	19,250	-
<b>Other Decreases in Fund Resources</b>				
594-595	Capital Expenditures	25,378	25,378	-
591-593, 599	Debt Service	224,329	59,579	164,750
597	Transfers-Out	-	-	-
585	Special or Extraordinary Items	-	-	-
586 / 589	Custodial Activities	-	-	-
Total Other Decreases in Fund Resources:		249,707	84,957	164,750
<b>Increase (Decrease) in Cash and Investments:</b>		<b>190,735</b>	<b>188,553</b>	<b>2,182</b>
<b>Ending Cash and Investments</b>				
5081000	Reserved	8,236	-	8,236
5088000	Unreserved	1,684,977	1,684,977	-
<b>Total Ending Cash and Investments</b>		<b>1,693,212</b>	<b>1,684,977</b>	<b>8,236</b>

## King County Fire Protection District No. 27

### Notes to the Financial Statements – For the Year Ended December 31, 2020

#### **Note 1 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies:**

King County Fire Protection District No. 27 is a special purpose local government that provides fire protection, and emergency services to the general public and is supported primarily through property taxes. The District was incorporated on May 27, 1946 and operates under Chapter 52 RCW and other laws of the State of Washington applicable to fire districts.

The District reports financial activity in accordance with the Cash Basis Budgeting, Accounting and Reporting System (BARS) Manual prescribed by the State Auditor's Office under the authority of Washington State law, Chapter 43.09 RCW. This manual prescribes a financial reporting framework that differs from generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) in the following manner:

- Financial transactions are recognized on a cash basis of accounting as described below.
- Component units are required to be disclosed but are not included in the financial statements.
- Government-wide statements, as defined in GAAP, are not presented.
- All funds are presented, rather than a focus on major funds.
- The Schedule of Liabilities is required to be presented with the financial statements as supplementary information.
- Supplementary information required by GAAP is not presented.
- Ending balances are not presented using the classifications defined in GAAP.

#### **A. Fund Accounting:**

Financial transactions of the District are reported in individual funds. Each fund uses a separate set of self-balancing accounts that comprises its cash and investments, revenues and expenditures. The District's resources are allocated to and accounted for in individual funds depending on their intended purpose. The following fund types are used by the District:

##### General Fund

This fund is the primary operating fund of the District. It accounts for all financial resources except those required or elected to be accounted for in another fund.

##### Debt Service Funds

These funds account for the financial resources that are restricted, committed, or assigned to expenditures for principal, interest and related costs on general long-term debt.

#### **B. Basis of Accounting and Measurement Focus:**

Financial statements are prepared using the cash basis of accounting and measurement focus. Revenues are recognized when cash is received and expenditures are recognized when paid.

#### **C. Budgets:**

The District adopts annual appropriated budgets for its general fund and debt service fund. These budgets are appropriated at the fund level. The budget constitutes the legal authority for expenditures at that level. Annual appropriations for these funds lapse at the fiscal year end. Annual appropriated budgets are adopted on the same basis of accounting as used for financial reporting.

The appropriated and actual expenditures for the legally adopted budgets are as follow:

Fund	Final Appropriated Amounts	Actual Expenditures	Variance
General Fund	\$2,440,700	\$2,430,374	\$(10,326)
Debt Service Fund	\$161,000	\$168,300	\$7,300.00

## **King County Fire Protection District No. 27**

### **Notes to the Financial Statements – For the Year Ended December 31, 2020**

Any revisions that alter the total expenditures of a fund, or that affect the number of authorized employee positions, salary ranges, hours, or other conditions of employment must be approved by the District's legislative body.

#### **D. Cash and Investments:**

See Note 3, *Deposits and Investments*.

#### **E. Capital Assets:**

Capital assets are assets with an initial individual cost of more than \$5,000 and an estimated useful life in excess of 3 years. Capital assets and inventory of the District are recorded as expenditures when purchased.

#### **F. Compensated Absences:**

Vacation leave may be accumulated up to 160 hours for administrative personnel and 240 hours for uniformed bargaining units and is payable upon separation or retirement. Sick leave may accumulate up to 530 hours for administrative personnel. Upon separation or retirement administrative employees do not receive payment for unused sick leave. Sick leave may accumulate up to 720 hours for uniformed bargaining units and sick leave in excess of 720 hours is paid to the employee at 25% of base pay at year end. Upon separation or retirement uniformed bargaining unit employees do not receive payment for unused sick leave below 720 hours accumulated. Payments are recognized as expenditures when paid.

#### **G. Long Term Debt:**

See Note 4, *Debt Service Requirements*.

#### **H. Risk Management:**

The District manages its risk by maintaining insurance coverage for damages and losses to property, apparatus, portable equipment, or criminal acts. Coverage for general, management, and automotive related liability is included. The insurance coverage is purchased through Volunteer Firemen's Insurance Services, Inc. (VFIS). The District's local broker for VFIS is MacIvennie Associates, Inc.

#### **I. Restricted and Committed Portion of Ending Cash and Investments:**

Beginning and Ending Cash and Investments is reported as restricted or committed when it is subject to restrictions on use imposed by external parties or due to internal commitments established by resolution. When expenditures that meet restrictions are incurred, the Fire District intends to use reserved resources first before using unreserved amounts. Fund balance commitments are established, modified or rescinded by resolution of the Board of Commissioners.

#### **Debt Service Fund**

The reserved funds in the Debt Service account are restricted, committed, and assigned to expenditures for principal, interest and related costs for the District's General Obligations Bonds.

#### **Note 2 - Property Tax:**

The county treasurer acts as an agent to collect property tax levied in the county for all taxing authorities. Collections are distributed at the end of each month.

Property tax revenues are recognized when cash is received by the District. Delinquent taxes are considered fully collectible because a lien affixes to the property after tax is levied.

The District's regular levy rate for the year 2020 was \$1.16886 per \$1,000 on an assessed valuation of \$1,384,656,335 for a total regular levy of \$ 1,617,667.

The District's excess levy rate for the year 2020 was \$0.34498 per \$1,000 on an assessed valuation of \$1,376,859,963 for a total excess levy of \$475,000 for its Maintenance and Operations. This four-year



## King County Fire Protection District No. 27

### Notes to the Financial Statements – For the Year Ended December 31, 2020

excess levy was approved for up to \$475,000 per year by the voters in November 2016 and is for years 2017, 2018, 2019 and 2020.

The District's General Obligations Bond levy rate for the year 2020 was \$ 0.05861 per \$1,000 on an assessed valuation of \$2,746,786,984 for a total levy of \$161,000.

#### **Note 3 - Deposits and Investments:**

In accordance with State law, the District's governing body has a formal interlocal agreement with the District's ex officio treasurer, King County, to have all its funds not required for immediate expenditure to be invested in the King County Investment Pool. The interest on these investments is credited directly to the various funds by the County Treasury and identified as such in the financial statements.

As of December 31, 2020, the District had the following investments:

<u>Investment Type</u>	<u>Fair Value</u>	<u>Effective Duration</u>
King County Investment Pool	\$1,722,946	1.20 years

Impaired Investments. As of December 31, 2020, all impaired commercial paper investments have completed enforcement events. The King County impaired investment pool (Impaired Pool) held one commercial paper asset where the Impaired Pool accepted an exchange offer and is receiving the cash flows from the investment's underlying securities. The District's share of the impaired investment pool principal is \$1,030 and the District's fair value of these investments is \$642.

Interest Rate Risk. As of December 31, 2020, the Pool's average duration was 1.20 years. As a means of limiting its exposure to rising interest rates, securities purchased in the Pool must have a final maturity, or weighted average life, no longer than five years. While the Pool's market value is calculated on a monthly basis, unrealized gains and losses are not distributed to participants. The Pool distributes earnings monthly using an amortized cost methodology.

Credit Risk. As of December 31, 2020, the District's investment in the Pool was not rated by a nationally recognized statistical rating organization (NRSRO). In compliance with state statutes, Pool policies authorize investments in U.S. Treasury securities, U.S. agency securities and mortgage-backed securities, corporate notes (rated at least "A"), municipal securities (rated at least "A" by two NRSROs), commercial paper (rated at least the equivalent of "A-1"), certificates of deposits issued by qualified public depositories, repurchase agreements, and the Local Government Investment Pool managed by the Washington State Treasurer's office.

The District's deposits (and certificates of deposit) are covered by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation and/or the Washington Public Deposit Protection Commission. The PDPC is a statutory authority established under chapter 39.58 RCW that governs public depositories and provides that "All public funds deposited in public depositories, including investment deposits and accrued interest thereon, shall be protected against loss, as provided in the chapter." It constitutes a multiple financial institution collateral pool that can make pro rata assessments to all public depositories within the state for their public deposits. PDPC protection is of the nature of collateral, not of insurance.

#### **Note 4 - Debt Service Requirements:**

The accompanying Schedule of Liabilities provides more details of the outstanding debt and liabilities of the District and summarizes the District's debt transactions for year ended December 31, 2020.

The debt service requirements for the District's General Obligation Bonds which includes both principal and interest are as follows:

## King County Fire Protection District No. 27

### Notes to the Financial Statements – For the Year Ended December 31, 2020

#### General Obligation Bonds

	Principal	Interest	Total
2021	\$160,000	\$4,000	\$164,000
TOTAL	\$160,000	\$4,000	\$164,000

#### **Note 5 - Pension Plans:**

The District's full-time employees participate in the Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) plan 2 or the Law Enforcement Officers' and Fire Fighters' Retirement System (LEOFF) plan 2 which are administered by the Washington State Department of Retirement Systems (DRS), under cost-sharing multiple-employer public employee defined benefit and defined contribution retirement plans.

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As of June 30, 2020 (the measurement date of the plans), the District's proportionate share of the collective net pension liabilities, as reported on Schedule 09, was as follows:

DRS Plan	Employer Contributions	Allocation %	Liability (Asset)
PERS 1 UAAL	3,511	.000484%	17,088
PERS 2/3	5,785	.000628%	8,032
LEOFF 2	65,781	.033627%	(685,942)
VFFRPF	390	.200772%	(70,752)

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### **Notes to the Financial Statements – For the Year Ended December 31, 2020**

#### **Note 6 - Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB):**

The District is a participating employer in the state's Public Employees Benefits Board (PEBB) program, a defined benefit plan administered by the Washington State Health Care Authority. The plan provides medical, dental, and life insurance benefits for public employees and retirees and their dependents on a pay-as-you-go basis. The plan provides OPEB benefits through both explicit and implicit subsidies. The explicit subsidy is a set dollar amount that lowers the monthly premium paid by members over the age of 65 enrolled in Medicare Parts A and B. PEBB determines the amount of the explicit subsidy annually. The implicit subsidy results from the inclusion of active and non-Medicare eligible retirees in the same pool when determining premiums. There is an implicit subsidy from active employees since the premiums paid by retirees are lower than they would have been if the retirees were insured separately. The District had 13 active plan members and 0 retired plan members as of December 31, 2020. As of December 31, 2020, the District's total OPEB liability was \$450,815 as calculated using the alternative measurement method. The District contributed \$167 to the plan for the year ended December 31, 2020.

#### **Note 7 - Joint Venture:**

In November of 2007, King County Fire Protection District 27, with the cities of Bellevue, Bothell, Clyde Hill, Kirkland, Medina, Mercer Island, and Snoqualmie, along with Eastside Fire and Rescue, King County Fire Protection District 45, King and Kittitas County Fire Protection District 51, Woodinville Fire & Rescue, Northshore Fire Department and Shoreline Fire Department entered into an interlocal agreement to establish and maintain a consolidated emergency service communications center. In 2008, the City of Redmond joined as a subscriber. Prior to the interlocal agreement, the formation efforts were carried out under a Joint Powers Agreement originally approved in 2005 and amended in 2006 and 2007. On July 1, 2009, the separate dispatch operations of the cities of Bellevue and Kirkland were combined and began operating as the North East King County Regional Public Safety Communications Agency (or NORCOM). NORCOM includes 911 telephone answering, computer aided dispatch of fire, police and EMS resources, public safety field technology and a records management system. Operating revenues are provided by user fees charged to each member based on average call volume. King County Fire Protection District 27's share of these fees for 2020 was \$33,654. Complete financial statements for NORCOM may be obtained at: NORCOM, PO Box 50911, Bellevue, WA 98015-0911.

#### **Note 8 - Subsequent Events:**

In February 2020, the Governor of the state of Washington declared a state of emergency in response to the spread of the deadly COVID-19 virus. In the weeks following the declaration, precautionary measures to slow the spread of the virus have been ordered. These measures include closing schools, colleges and universities, cancelling public events, prohibiting public and private gatherings, and requiring people to stay home unless they are leaving for an essential function. The District provides emergency services to the public and it is expected that additional costs will be incurred in addressing the pandemic. The District has sufficient reserves to provide continued stability and address the immediate needs of the crisis.

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### Notes to the Financial Statements – For the Year Ended December 31, 2019

#### **Note 1 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies:**

King County Fire Protection District No. 27 is a special purpose local government that provides fire protection, and emergency services to the general public and is supported primarily through property taxes. The District was incorporated on May 27, 1946 and operates under Chapter 52 RCW and other laws of the State of Washington applicable to fire districts.

The District reports financial activity in accordance with the Cash Basis Budgeting, Accounting and Reporting System (BARS) Manual prescribed by the State Auditor's Office under the authority of Washington State law, Chapter 43.09 RCW. This manual prescribes a financial reporting framework that differs from generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) in the following manner:

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- Government-wide statements, as defined in GAAP, are not presented.
- All funds are presented, rather than a focus on major funds.
- The Schedule of Liabilities is required to be presented with the financial statements as supplementary information.
- Supplementary information required by GAAP is not presented.
- Ending balances are not presented using the classifications defined in GAAP.

#### **A. Fund Accounting:**

Financial transactions of the District are reported in individual funds. Each fund uses a separate set of self-balancing accounts that comprises its cash and investments, revenues and expenditures. The District's resources are allocated to and accounted for in individual funds depending on their intended purpose. The following fund types are used by the District:

##### General Fund

This fund is the primary operating fund of the District. It accounts for all financial resources except those required or elected to be accounted for in another fund.

##### Debt Service Funds

These funds account for the financial resources that are restricted, committed, or assigned to expenditures for principal, interest and related costs on general long-term debt.

#### **B. Basis of Accounting and Measurement Focus:**

Financial statements are prepared using the cash basis of accounting and measurement focus. Revenues are recognized when cash is received and expenditures are recognized when paid.

#### **C. Budgets:**

The District adopts annual appropriated budgets for its general fund and debt service fund. These budgets are appropriated at the fund level. The budget constitutes the legal authority for expenditures at that level. Annual appropriations for these funds lapse at the fiscal year end. Annual appropriated budgets are adopted on the same basis of accounting as used for financial reporting.

The appropriated and actual expenditures for the legally adopted budgets are as follow:

Fund	Final Appropriated Amounts	Actual Expenditures	Variance
General Fund	\$2,393,000	\$2,222,456	\$170,544
Debt Service Fund	\$161,750	\$162,050	(\$300.00)

## **King County Fire Protection District No. 27**

### **Notes to the Financial Statements – For the Year Ended December 31, 2019**

Any revisions that alter the total expenditures of a fund, or that affect the number of authorized employee positions, salary ranges, hours, or other conditions of employment must be approved by the District's legislative body.

#### **D. Cash and Investments:**

See Note 3, *Deposits and Investments*.

#### **E. Capital Assets:**

Capital assets are assets with an initial individual cost of more than \$5,000 and an estimated useful life in excess of 3 years. Capital assets and inventory of the District are recorded as expenditures when purchased.

#### **F. Compensated Absences:**

Vacation leave may be accumulated up to 160 hours for administrative personnel and 240 hours for uniformed bargaining units and is payable upon separation or retirement. Sick leave may accumulate up to 530 hours for administrative personnel. Upon separation or retirement administrative employees do not receive payment for unused sick leave. Sick leave may accumulate up to 720 hours for uniformed bargaining units and sick leave in excess of 720 hours is paid to the employee at 25% of base pay at year end. Upon separation or retirement uniformed bargaining unit employees do not receive payment for unused sick leave below 720 hours accumulated. Payments are recognized as expenditures when paid.

#### **G. Long Term Debt:**

See Note 4, *Debt Service Requirements*.

#### **H. Risk Management:**

The District manages its risk by maintaining insurance coverage for damages and losses to property, apparatus, portable equipment or criminal acts. Coverage for general, management, and automotive related liability is included. The insurance coverage is purchased through Volunteer Firemen's Insurance Services, Inc. (VFIS). The District's local broker for VFIS is MacIvennie Associates, Inc.

#### **I. Reserved Portion of Ending Cash and Investments:**

Beginning and Ending Cash and Investments is reported as reserved when it is subject to restrictions on use imposed by external parties or due to internal commitments established by resolution. When expenditures that meet restrictions are incurred, the Fire District intends to use reserved resources first before using unreserved amounts. Fund balance commitments are established, modified or rescinded by resolution of the Board of Commissioners.

#### **Debt Service Fund**

The reserved funds in the Debt Service account are restricted, committed, and assigned to expenditures for principal, interest and related costs for the District's General Obligations Bonds.

#### **Note 2 - Property Tax:**

The county treasurer acts as an agent to collect property tax levied in the county for all taxing authorities. Collections are distributed at the end of each month.

Property tax revenues are recognized when cash is received by the District. Delinquent taxes are considered fully collectible because a lien affixes to the property after tax is levied.

The District's regular levy rate for the year 2019 was \$1.20543 per \$1,000 on an assessed valuation of \$1,313,244,287 for a total regular levy of \$ 1,584,399.

The District's excess levy rate for the year 2019 was \$0.36401 per \$1,000 on an assessed valuation of \$1,304,882,129 for a total excess levy of \$475,000 for its Maintenance and Operations. This four-year

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### Notes to the Financial Statements – For the Year Ended December 31, 2019

excess levy was approved for up to \$475,000 per year by the voters in November 2016 and is for years 2017, 2018, 2019 and 2020.

The District's General Obligations Bond levy rate for the year 2019 was \$ 0.06100 per \$1,000 on an assessed valuation of \$2,651,433,048 for a total levy of \$161,750.

#### **Note 3 - Deposits and Investments:**

In accordance with State law, the District's governing body has a formal interlocal agreement with the District's ex officio treasurer, King County, to have all its funds not required for immediate expenditure to be invested in the King County Investment Pool. The interest on these investments is credited directly to the various funds by the County Treasury and identified as such in the financial statements.

As of December 31, 2019, the District had the following investments:

<u>Investment Type</u>	<u>Fair Value</u>	<u>Effective Duration</u>
King County Investment Pool	\$1,750,753	0.92 years

Impaired Investments. As of December 31, 2019, all impaired commercial paper investments have completed enforcement events. The King County impaired investment pool (Impaired Pool) held one commercial paper asset where the Impaired Pool accepted an exchange offer and is receiving the cash flows from the investment's underlying securities. The Impaired Pool also held the residual investments in one commercial paper assets that were part of completed enforcement events, where the Impaired Pool accepted the cash-out option. The District's share of the impaired investment pool principal is \$1,273 and the District's fair value of these investments is \$857.

Interest Rate Risk. As of December 31, 2019, the Pool's average duration was 0.92 years. As a means of limiting its exposure to rising interest rates, securities purchased in the Pool must have a final maturity, or weighted average life, no longer than five years. While the Pool's market value is calculated on a monthly basis, unrealized gains and losses are not distributed to participants. The Pool distributes earnings monthly using an amortized cost methodology.

Credit Risk. As of December 31, 2019, the District's investment in the Pool was not rated by a nationally recognized statistical rating organization (NRSRO). In compliance with state statutes, Pool policies authorize investments in U.S. Treasury securities, U.S. agency securities and mortgage-backed securities, corporate notes (rated at least "A"), municipal securities (rated at least "A" by two NRSROs), commercial paper (rated at least the equivalent of "A-1"), certificates of deposits issued by qualified public depositories, repurchase agreements, and the Local Government Investment Pool managed by the Washington State Treasurer's office.

The District's deposits (and certificates of deposit) are covered by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation and/or the Washington Public Deposit Protection Commission. The PDPC is a statutory authority established under chapter 39.58 RCW that governs public depositories and provides that "All public funds deposited in public depositories, including investment deposits and accrued interest thereon, shall be protected against loss, as provided in the chapter." It constitutes a multiple financial institution collateral pool that can make pro rata assessments to all public depositories within the state for their public deposits. PDPC protection is of the nature of collateral, not of insurance.

#### **Note 4 - Debt Service Requirements:**

The accompanying Schedule of Liabilities provides more details of the outstanding debt and liabilities of the District and summarizes the District's debt transactions for year ended December 31, 2019.

The debt service requirements for the District's General Obligation Bonds and COP LOCAL Loan which includes both principle and interest are as follows:

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#### General Obligation Bonds

	Principal	Interest	Total
2020	\$160,000	\$8,000	\$168,000
2021	\$160,000	\$4,000	\$164,000
TOTAL	\$320,000	\$12,000	\$332,000

#### COP LOCAL Loan

	Principal	Interest	Total
2020	\$58,126	\$1,453	\$59,579
TOTAL	\$58,126	\$1,453	\$59,579

#### **Note 5 - Pension Plans:**

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As of June 30, 2019 (the measurement date of the plans), the District's proportionate share of the collective net pension liabilities, as reported on Schedule 09, was as follows:



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DRS Plan	Employer Contributions	Allocation %	Liability (Asset)
PERS 1 UAAL	3,709	.000517%	19,880
PERS 2/3	5,457	.000668%	6,489
LEOFF 2	64,931	.035218%	(815,893)
VFFRPF	450	.226620%	(154,086)

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### Notes to the Financial Statements – For the Year Ended December 31, 2018

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#### **C. Budgets**

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The appropriated and actual expenditures for the legally adopted budgets are as follow:

Fund	Final Appropriated Amounts	Actual Expenditures	Variance
General Fund	\$2,202,294	\$2,203,223	(\$929)
Debt Service Fund	\$167,000	\$165,050	\$1,950

## **King County Fire Protection District No. 27**

### **Notes to the Financial Statements – For the Year Ended December 31, 2018**

Any revisions that alter the total expenditures of a fund, or that affect the number of authorized employee positions, salary ranges, hours, or other conditions of employment must be approved by the District's legislative body.

#### **D. Cash and Investments**

See Note 3, *Deposits and Investments*.

#### **E. Capital Assets**

Capital assets are assets with an initial individual cost of more than \$5,000 and an estimated useful life in excess of 3 years. Capital assets and inventory of the District are recorded as expenditures when purchased.

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#### **G. Long Term Debt**

See Note 4, *Debt Service Requirements*.

#### **G. Risk Management**

The District manages its risk by maintaining insurance coverage for damages and losses to property, apparatus, portable equipment or criminal acts. Coverage for general, management, and automotive related liability is included. The insurance coverage is purchased through Volunteer Firemen's Insurance Services, Inc. (VFIS). The District's local broker for VFIS is MacIvennie Associates, Inc.

#### **H. Reserved Portion of Ending Cash and Investments**

Beginning and Ending Cash and Investments is reported as reserved when it is subject to restrictions on use imposed by external parties or due to internal commitments established by resolution. When expenditures that meet restrictions are incurred, the Fire District intends to use reserved resources first before using unreserved amounts. Fund balance commitments are established, modified or rescinded by resolution of the Board of Commissioners.

#### **Debt Service Fund**

The reserved funds in the Debt Service account are restricted, committed, and assigned to expenditures for principal, interest and related costs for the District's General Obligations Bonds.

#### **Note 2 - Property Tax**

The county treasurer acts as an agent to collect property tax levied in the county for all taxing authorities. Collections are distributed at the end of each month.

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### Notes to the Financial Statements – For the Year Ended December 31, 2018

The District's regular levy rate for the year 2018 was \$1.27009 per \$1,000 on an assessed valuation of \$1,216,937,163 for a total regular levy of \$ 1,545,659.

The District's excess levy rate for the year 2018 was \$0.39305 per \$1,000 on an assessed valuation of \$1,208,499,457 for a total excess levy of \$475,000 for its Maintenance and Operations. This four-year excess levy was approved for up to \$475,000 per year by the voters in November 2016 and is for years 2017, 2018, 2019 and 2020.

The District's General Obligations Bond levy rate for the year 2018 was \$ 0.07087 per \$1,000 on an assessed valuation of \$2,356,265,370 for a total levy of \$167,000.

#### **Note 3 – Deposits and Investments**

It is the District's policy to invest all temporary cash surpluses. The District's investments are held by King County Treasury as its agent in the District's name. The King County Investment Pool invests cash reserves for all County agencies and more than 100 special purpose districts and other public entities such as school, sewer and water districts, and other public authorities. The interest on these investments is credited directly to the various funds by King County Treasury and identified as such in the financial statements.

The Executive Finance Committee establishes King County's investment policy and oversees the portfolio to ensure that specific holdings comply with both the investment policy and State law.

The District's deposits (and certificates of deposit) are covered by (the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation and/or the Washington Public Deposit Protection Commission).

Investments are reported at fair value. Investments as of December 31, 2018 are as follows:

<u>Type of Investment</u>	<u>Balance</u>
King County Investment Pool:	\$1,680,900

#### **Note 4 - Debt Service Requirements**

The accompanying Schedule of Liabilities provides more details of the outstanding debt and liabilities of the District and summarizes the District's debt transactions for year ended December 31, 2018.

The debt service requirements for the District's General Obligation Bonds and COP LOCAL Loan which includes both principle and interest are as follows:

##### **General Obligation Bonds**

	Principal	Interest	Total
2019	\$150,000	\$11,750	\$161,750
2020	\$160,000	\$8,000	\$168,000
2021	\$160,000	\$4,000	\$164,000
TOTAL	\$470,000	\$23,750	\$493,750

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### Notes to the Financial Statements – For the Year Ended December 31, 2018

#### COP LOCAL Loan

	Principal	Interest	Total
2019	\$55,290	\$4,289	\$59,579
2020	\$58,126	\$1,453	\$59,579
TOTAL	\$113,416	\$5,742	\$119,158

#### **Note 5 - Pension Plans**

The District's full-time employees participate in the Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) plan 2 or the Law Enforcement Officers' and Fire Fighters' Retirement System (LEOFF) plan 2 which are administered by the Washington State Department of Retirement Systems (DRS), under cost-sharing multiple-employer public employee defined benefit and defined contribution retirement plans.

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As of June 30, 2018 (the measurement date of the plans), the District's proportionate share of the collective net pension liabilities, as reported on Schedule 09, was as follows:

	Allocation %	Liability (Asset)
PERS 1 UAAL	.000503%	22,464
PERS 2/3	.000642%	10,962
LEOFF 2	.034935%	(709,257)
VFFRPF	.204978%	(108,319)

## **King County Fire Protection District No. 27**

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### **Note 6 - Joint Venture Note:**

In November of 2007, King County Fire Protection District 27, with the cities of Bellevue, Bothell, Clyde Hill, Kirkland, Medina, Mercer Island, and Snoqualmie, along with Eastside Fire and Rescue, King County Fire Protection District 45, King and Kittitas County Fire Protection District 51, Woodinville Fire & Rescue, Northshore Fire Department and Shoreline Fire Department entered into an interlocal agreement to establish and maintain a consolidated emergency service communications center. In 2008, the City of Redmond joined as a subscriber. Prior to the interlocal agreement, the formation efforts were carried out under a Joint Powers Agreement originally approved in 2005 and amended in 2006 and 2007. On July 1, 2009, the separate dispatch operations of the cities of Bellevue and Kirkland were combined and began operating as the North East King County Regional Public Safety Communications Agency (or NORCOM). NORCOM includes 911 telephone answering, computer aided dispatch of fire, police and EMS resources, public safety field technology and a records management system. Operating revenues are provided by user fees charged to each member based on average call volume. King County Fire Protection District 27's share of these fees for 2018 was \$34,741.

Complete financial statements for NORCOM may be obtained at:

NORCOM  
PO Box 50911  
Bellevue, WA 98015-0911

**King County Fire Protection District No. 27**  
**Schedule of Liabilities**  
**For the Year Ended December 31, 2020**

<b>ID. No.</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Due Date</b>	<b>Beginning Balance</b>	<b>Additions</b>	<b>Reductions</b>	<b>Ending Balance</b>
<b>General Obligation Debt/Liabilities</b>						
251.12	GO Bonds Voted	12/1/2021	320,000	-	160,000	160,000
263.96	COP Loan - Engine	6/1/2020	58,125	-	58,125	-
<b>Total General Obligation Debt/Liabilities:</b>			<b>378,125</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>218,125</b>	<b>160,000</b>
<b>Revenue and Other (non G.O.) Debt/Liabilities</b>						
259.12	Compensated Absences		69,589	-	1,957	67,632
264.30	Pension Liability		26,369	-	1,249	25,120
264.40	OPEB Liability		365,352	85,463	-	450,815
<b>Total Revenue and Other (non G.O.) Debt/Liabilities:</b>			<b>461,310</b>	<b>85,463</b>	<b>3,206</b>	<b>543,567</b>
<b>Total Liabilities:</b>			<b>839,435</b>	<b>85,463</b>	<b>221,331</b>	<b>703,567</b>

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**Schedule of Liabilities**  
**For the Year Ended December 31, 2019**

<b>ID. No.</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Due Date</b>	<b>Beginning Balance</b>	<b>Additions</b>	<b>Reductions</b>	<b>Ending Balance</b>
<b>General Obligation Debt/Liabilities</b>						
251.12	GO Bonds Voted	12/1/2021	470,000	-	150,000	320,000
263.96	COP Loan - Engine	6/1/2020	113,416	-	55,290	58,126
<b>Total General Obligation Debt/Liabilities:</b>			<b>583,416</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>205,290</b>	<b>378,126</b>
<b>Revenue and Other (non G.O.) Debt/Liabilities</b>						
259.12	Compensated Absences		64,946	4,643	-	69,589
264.30	Pension Liability		33,426	-	7,057	26,369
264.40	OPEB Liability		-	365,352	-	365,352
<b>Total Revenue and Other (non G.O.) Debt/Liabilities:</b>			<b>98,372</b>	<b>369,995</b>	<b>7,057</b>	<b>461,310</b>
<b>Total Liabilities:</b>			<b>681,788</b>	<b>369,995</b>	<b>212,347</b>	<b>839,436</b>

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<b>ID. No.</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Due Date</b>	<b>Beginning Balance</b>	<b>Additions</b>	<b>Reductions</b>	<b>Ending Balance</b>
<b>General Obligation Debt/Liabilities</b>						
251.12	GO Bonds Voted	12/1/2021	620,000	-	150,000	470,000
263.96	COP Loan - Engine	6/1/2020	166,009	-	52,593	113,416
<b>Total General Obligation Debt/Liabilities:</b>			<b>786,009</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>202,593</b>	<b>583,416</b>
<b>Revenue and Other (non G.O.) Debt/Liabilities</b>						
259.12	Compensated Absences		51,947	12,999	-	64,946
264.30	Pension Liability		46,348	-	12,922	33,426
<b>Total Revenue and Other (non G.O.) Debt/Liabilities:</b>			<b>98,295</b>	<b>12,999</b>	<b>12,922</b>	<b>98,372</b>
<b>Total Liabilities:</b>			<b>884,304</b>	<b>12,999</b>	<b>215,515</b>	<b>681,788</b>



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