

**NEWS RELEASE**

**February 26, 2013**

**MASON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

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TO: KMAS, KRXY, SHELTON-MASON COUNTY JOURNAL, THE OLYMPIAN, SHELTON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, NORTH MASON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, CITY OF SHELTON, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL, THE SUN

RE: Petition for partial merger of Fire District 9 into Fire District 6

A petition requesting a partial merger of a portion of Mason County Fire District No. 9 into Mason County Fire District No. 6 has been submitted to the Mason County Commissioners office for consideration.

Pursuant to RCW 52.06.090 the petition must be signed by not less than 15 percent of the qualified electors residing in the area to be merged. Commissioners have requested the Auditor's office certify sufficiency of signatures within the next 30 days.

If the Auditor's office determines the signatures are sufficient, the Mason County Commissioners will hold a public hearing to determine if the area can be better served by a merger. If there is an affirmative decision, an election shall be called in the area to be merged.

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Chair

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Commissioner

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