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The Kitsap Fire Chiefs Association Statement Regarding the Proposed PSCAA Residential Yard Waste Burning Rule

The Puget Sound Clean Air Agency (PSCAA) has announced a proposal to prohibit residential yard waste burning throughout King, Kitsap, Pierce, and Snohomish counties. The proposal is currently in the public review process, with a public comment period expected in fall 2026 and a PSCAA Board decision anticipated in January 2027. If adopted, the rule would take effect on January 1, 2028.

The Fire Department would like to clarify its role regarding this proposal.

PSCAA is a regional air quality authority responsible for developing, adopting, and enforcing regional outdoor burning regulations related to air quality as established by the Washington Clean Air Act. The PSCAA's authority is separate from the authority of the Kitsap County Fire Marshal. The Fire Department does not have authority to approve, deny, modify, or object to PSCAA's decisions once a rule has been legally adopted and implemented. Decisions regarding this proposed regulation are made solely by PSCAA in accordance with state law and its public rulemaking process.

If the proposed rule is adopted, PSCAA will be responsible for enforcement of the prohibition on residential yard waste burning. Questions regarding the rule, compliance, exemptions, or enforcement should be directed to PSCAA.

Online complaint form: [PSCAA File a Complaint](#)

Air Quality Complaint Line: 800-552-3565 (available to leave a complaint by phone)

General Office: 206-343-8800

The Fire Department's primary responsibility is emergency response and fire suppression. The department will continue to respond to emergencies involving uncontrolled fires, fires that threaten life or property, or other situations where there is an immediate public safety concern.

For reports of prohibited residential yard waste burning under a PSCAA rule, residents should follow the reporting process established by PSCAA. Emergency communications (Kitsap 911) will coordinate with the appropriate agency when necessary, but the enforcement of PSCAA air quality regulations remains the responsibility of PSCAA, not the Fire Department.

The Fire Department remains committed to serving the community by responding to emergencies and working cooperatively with partner agencies within their respective legal authorities.