



# Planning and Community Development

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Council Initiated:

☐ Yes

☒ No

**ECAF:** 2025-0417

**Motion:** 25-060

**Type:**

☒ Contract

☐ Board Appt.

☐ Code Amendment

☐ Budget Action

☐ Other

**Requested Handling:**

☒ Normal

☐ Expedite

☐ Urgent

**Fund Source:**

☐ General Fund

☒ Other

☐ N/A

**Executive Rec:**

☒ Approve

☐ Do Not Approve

☐ N/A

**Approved as to**

**Form:**

☒ Yes

☐ No

☐ N/A

**Subject:**

Kaplan Kirsch & Rockwell federal aviation and airport law contract

**Scope:**

Amendment with Kaplan Kirsch & Rockwell, LLP for an amount not to exceed \$150,000 for legal services.

**Duration:**

Contact as been extended to 12-31-2027.

**Fiscal Impact:**

☐ Current Year

☒ Multi-Year

☐ N/A

Expenditures	Current Year	2026	2027	Total
410-521680-4101	\$37,500	\$37,500	\$0	\$75,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$37,500</b>	<b>\$37,500</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$75,000</b>

Revenue	2025	2026	2027	Total
410-321680-0800	\$37,500	\$37,500	\$0	\$75,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$37,500</b>	<b>\$37,500</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$75,000</b>

**Authority Granted:**

Authorizes the Executive to sign a contract amendment with Kaplan Kirsch & Rockwell, LLP in an amount not to exceed \$150,000 for legal services regarding federal aviation law and regulation.

**Background:**

Snohomish County has contracted with Kaplan Kirsch & Rockwell since December 2008 to provide legal advice and services regarding federal aviation and airport law and regulations.

Snohomish County entered into Contract with Kaplan Kirsch & Rockwell in April, 2021 via Motion 21-332 for legal services from Peter Kirsch, a principal at Kaplan Kirsch & Rockwell, for a term ending December 31, 2024, with two four-year extension terms available. The original not to exceed amount was \$25,000. In September 2021, Amendment 1 raised the not to exceed amount to \$50,000. All other terms and conditions were unchanged. This, Amendment 2 provides additional compensation of \$75,000, with a total not to exceed of \$150,000. On 12-19-2024, an email was utilized to formally extend the agreement as per its terms out to 12-31-2027.

Principal, Peter Kirsch is a nationally recognized attorney in the field of airports, the environment and federal aviation law. The airport continues to require his critical services regarding federal aviation and airport law and regulations matters that arise from time to time.

**Request:** Move Motion 25-060 to GLS for consideration on 2-26-2025 for consideration.