



Health and Community Services

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Council Initiated:

☐ Yes

☒ No

ECAF: 2025-1139

Motion: 25-194

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:

Approving and authorizing an amended and restated Snohomish County Regional Public Safety Communications Agency Interlocal Agreement

Scope:

As of January 1, 2018, the Snohomish County Regional Public Safety Communications Interlocal Agreement (ILA) created Snohomish 911 (SNO911) and Snohomish County became a Principal Agency under the agreement. Pursuant to the terms of the ILA, changes to the scope of services (Section 4) or the powers of the Governing Board must be approved by the legislative authorities of the Principal Agencies.

Under the existing terms of the ILA, additional services are those “outside the scope of Emergency Communications Services” (defined in Section 4a) and additional services can only be provided to agencies participating in the ILA.

Proposed Motion 25-194 revises the scope of services to allow SNO911 to provide additional services to third parties that “serve one or more Participating Agencies.” Approval of agreements for additional services with third parties will require a supermajority (70%) vote of the Governing Board.

A memo (included in the [Legistar record](#)) from SNO911 states: “These changes support the newly established Snohomish County EMS Agency (SCEMSA). Once operational, SCEMSA’s governing board is expected to negotiate a Service Level Agreement (SLA) with SNO911 for the provision of: dedicated staff, support services (e.g., financial management, HR, and IT), and office space within SNO911's future headquarters.”

Duration:

The amendment duration is May 15, 2025, through agreement termination.

Fiscal Impact:

☐ Current Year ☐ Multi-Year ☒ N/A

Authority Granted: N/A

Background:

On December 13, 2017, Council approved Ordinance 17-101¹, authorizing the creation of SNO911, which is a countywide public emergency communications agency. SNO911 was created as a consolidation of Southwest Snohomish County Public Safety Communication Agency “SNOCOM” and Snohomish County Police and Auxiliary Services Center “SNOPAC”. The merger went into effect on January 1, 2018.

¹ [Public Hearings \(granicus.com\) - Ordinance 17-101 & Ordinance 17-102](#)

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Council approval of Ordinance 17-102 amended SCC 4.78.070, providing SNO911 representation on the enhanced emergency services communication board. This board administers funds collected from an enhanced 911 excise tax on radio access lines.

On June 20, 2018, Council approved Ordinance 18-037² which established SCC 4.30 Emergency Communications Systems Facilities and Use Tax. This tax was approved by voters on November 6, 2018.

On January 2, 2019, the Snohomish County Emergency Radio System (SERS) merged with SNO911.

On July 24, 2024, Council approved an amended Snohomish County Regional Public Safety Communications Agency Interlocal Agreement via Ordinance 24-048³. The amended agreement eliminated a non-voting member from the Governing Board and revised the process for assigning police agency caucuses. Ordinance 24-048 authorized approval of future amendments to the ILA by motion.

Requested Action: Move to the GLS agenda for Council consideration.

² [Public Hearings - Jun 20th, 2018 \(granicus.com\) - Ordinance 18-037](#)

³ [2024-1205 - Ordinance 24-048](#)