



Health and Community Services

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Council Initiated:

☐ Yes

☒ No

ECAF: 2024-1205
Ordinance: 24-048

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: 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 Governing Board composition and voting rights must be approved by the legislative authorities of the Principle Agencies. Ordinance 24-048 removes a non-voting position from the Governing Board and changes the calculation for establishing Police Agency caucus membership.

Elimination of Non-Voting Position on the Governing Board

Associate Agencies contract with another agency for police, fire, or both services, and are not served directly by SNO911. The amended ILA removes a non-voting Associate Agency position from the Governing Board structure.

Caucus Representation by Administration and Technology Cost Assessment

Caucuses select members to serve on the Governing Board. The process for assigning police agency caucuses is amended so that it is based on how much the agency pays for the Administration and Technology Cost Center, rather than population served. The police agency Administration and Technology Cost Center assessment is calculated using three factors: population served (23%), calls for service (54%), and assessed value of taxable property in the service territory (23%). The number of seats assigned to each caucus is unchanged.

As the largest police agency, Snohomish County makes up it's own caucus (Largest Agencies) and selects 2 Governing Board members, until it is no longer the largest agency based on proportional share of the Administration and Technology Cost Center.

The remaining police agencies are divided into three "roughly equal" caucuses by pro rata share of the Administration and Technology Cost Center. These caucuses select the following:

- Next Largest Police Agencies - 2 Governing Board members,
- Medium Police Agencies - 3 Governing Board members, and
- Small Police Agencies - 3 Governing Board members.

Duration: January 1, 2018 until termination

Fiscal Impact: ☐ Current Year ☐ Future-Year ☒ N/A

Authority Granted: Ordinance 24-048 approves the amended and restated Snohomish County Regional Public Safety Agency interlocal agreement and authorizes approval of future amendments by Council by motion.

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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.

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.

Requested Action: Move to GLS to set time and date for a Public Hearing.

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

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