

SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL
Snohomish County, Washington

MOTION NO. 23-371

APPROVING THE COOPERATIVE LAW ENFORCEMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN
THE STILLAGUAMISH TRIBE OF INDIANS AND SNOHOMISH COUNTY

WHEREAS, the Stillaguamish Tribe of Indians (the "Tribe") is a federally recognized sovereign Indian Tribe that has a reservation, described in 79 FR 45456-01 ("Reservation"), in Snohomish County (the "County"). The Tribe also holds beneficial title to various parcels of land in Snohomish County ("Tribal Land"); and

WHEREAS, law enforcement agencies have the responsibility to protect lives, protect property, and keep the peace; and

WHEREAS, effective law enforcement depends upon the ability of responding law enforcement officers to take necessary action to protect lives and property, and to preserve the peace without regard to jurisdictional limits; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe and County each wish to facilitate a cooperative approach to law enforcement to enhance public safety for all persons; and

WHEREAS, chapter 10.92 RCW authorizes a tribal police officer to act as a general authority Washington peace officer, under certain conditions, thereby giving a tribal police officer the same powers as any other general authority Washington peace officer to enforce state laws in Washington, including the power to make arrests for violations of state laws; and

WHEREAS, it is intended that Tribal police officers who (1) have successfully completed the requirements of RCW 43.101.157, (2) are employed by a Tribal authority that has provided sufficient proof of insurance to the Department of Enterprise Services for the State of Washington, and (3) are in all other respects qualified to act as a peace officer under RCW 10.92, shall be eligible to act as a general authority Washington peace officer as provided under the law and this Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the parties also believe that providing certain members of the Snohomish County Sheriff's Office with Stillaguamish Tribal Police Commissions, under the terms and conditions of this Agreement, will directly enhance public safety in the region; and

WHEREAS, the parties enter into this cooperative agreement for the purpose of effectuating efficient law enforcement on both Stillaguamish Reservation and Tribal Lands and within the boundaries of Snohomish County;

NOW, THEREFORE, ON MOTION, the County Council hereby approves the Cooperative Law Enforcement Agreement between the Stillaguamish Tribe of Indians and Snohomish County and authorizes the County Executive to sign the necessary contract.

PASSED this 20th day of September, 2023.

SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL
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Jared Mead

Council Chair

ATTEST:

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Deputy Clerk of the Council