



Snohomish County Council

Committee: Planning & Community Development

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ECAF: 2022-0905

Proposal: Proposed Motion 22-389

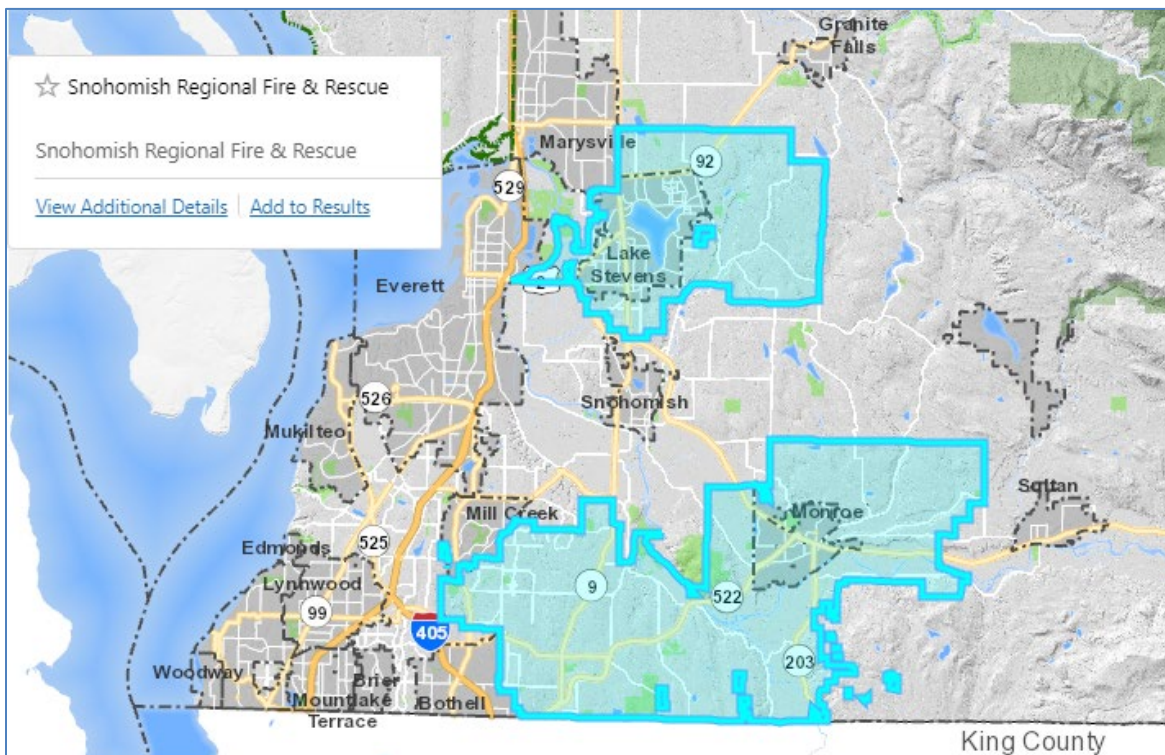
Date: September 20, 2022

Consideration

Proposed Motion 22-389 would authorize the County Executive to execute the *Interlocal Agreement Between Snohomish Regional Fire & Rescue and Snohomish County Concerning Provision of Fire Investigation Services*. The motion would also authorize termination of the *Interlocal Agreement Between Lake Stevens Fire and Snohomish County Concerning the Provision of Fire Investigation Services*, consistent with the terms of that agreement.

Background and Analysis

Snohomish County Fire District No.7 (District 7) and the Lake Stevens Fire Protection District No. 8 (District 8) were originally separate fire protection districts. On January 1, 2020, District 8 merged into District 7, creating one district with two main but discontinuous parts (see image below). The combined district then changed its name to Snohomish Regional Fire & Rescue (SRFR). An effect of the merger was assignment of an existing Interlocal Agreement (ILA) regarding provision of fire protective services between Snohomish County and District 8 to SRFR. However, the existing ILA only covers the northern part of SRFR in the former District 8 area. The ILA proposed for authorization by Motion 22-389 would cover the entire SRFR area (and extend to future annexation areas). The proposed ILA would also replace and supersede the Lake Stevens Fire ILA.



The proposed ILA would allow the Snohomish County Office of the Fire Marshal (Fire Marshal) to provide fire investigative services to SRFr if requested by SRFr and would remain in effect until December 31, 2026. It provides the terms for coordination between the Fire Marshal and SRFr and allows for extension of up to 10 years. Appendix A of the ILA includes a fee schedule with the hourly rate that Fire Marshal staff shall bill SRFr for services provided. Appendix B of the ILA includes a sample form for amending or extending the ILA.

Current Proposal

Summary: The motion would authorize the Executive branch to enter the ILA with SRFr and terminate the ILA with former District 8.

Effective Date: Date of execution until December 31, 2026, with extension possible.

Fiscal Implications: SRFr will compensate the Fire Marshal for assistance provide at an hourly rate for the Fire Marshal to recover its costs. The overall budgetary effect is neutral.

Handling: Normal (but expedited to match with an annexation by SRFr that has a September 23, 2022, deadline).

Risk Management: Approve

Executive Recommendation: Approve

Request: Consideration of Motion 22-389 and action by Committee of the Whole on September 20, 2022.