



MEMORANDUM

TO: Councilmember Megan Dunn, Council Chair
Councilmember Jared Mead, Council Vice-Chair, District 4
Councilmember Stephanie Wright, District 3
Councilmember Nate Nehring, District 1
Councilmember Sam Low, District 5

Dave Somers
County Executive

VIA: Michael McCrary, Director
Planning and Development Services

FROM: Matthew Siddons, Senior Planner

SUBJECT: Proposed Interlocal Agreement with North County Regional Fire Authority (RFA) for Fire Investigation Services

DATE: April 19, 2022

INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this staff report is to provide the County Council, for its consideration, a proposed motion to authorize the County Executive to sign the attached interlocal agreement (ILA) with the North County Regional Fire Authority regarding the provision of fire investigation services.

BACKGROUND

The North County Regional Fire Authority (RFA) is updating its interlocal agreement with the County for fire investigation services to include the cities and towns within the RFA's jurisdiction, including the cities of Arlington and Stanwood.

The attached interlocal agreement titled, "Interlocal Agreement Between North County Regional Fire Authority and Snohomish County Concerning Provision of Fire Investigation Services ", would:

- Allow the Snohomish County Fire Marshal's Office (FMO) to provide fire investigation services, on a case-by-case basis when requested by the North County Regional Fire Authority.
- Terminate existing agreements with the North County Regional Fire Authority and the City of Arlington to consolidate investigation services under one agreement.

If the motion is approved, the Executive is to complete the following:

- Send written notices to the North County Regional Fire Authority and the City of Arlington notifying them that their existing ILAs are to be terminated. A notification period of at least 30 days is required as per the terms of the agreements.
- Set an effective date for the new North County Regional Fire Authority ILA. This should be the same date as when the other agreements are terminated.
- Include a copy of the new North County Regional Fire Authority ILA on the County's website.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

PDS recommends that County Council accepts the motion to authorize the County Executive to sign the attached ILA with the North County Regional Fire Authority regarding the provision of fire investigation services.

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