



Planning and Community Development

Ryan Hembree

Council Initiated:

☐ Yes

☒ No

ECAF: 2025-3499

Motion: 25-511

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: Kaplan Kirsch & Rockwell federal aviation and airport law contract

Scope: Amendment 3 with Kaplan Kirsch & Rockwell, LLP for an additional amount of \$300,000 for legal services.

Duration: 12-31-2027

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

Expenditures	2026-2027	Total
410-521680-4101	\$300,000	\$450,000
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Revenue	2026-2027	Total
410-321680-0800	\$300,000	\$450,000
Total	\$300,000	\$450,000

Authority Granted:

Authorizes the Snohomish County Executive to sign a contract Amendment 3 with Kaplan Kirsch LLP for legal services regarding federal aviation law and regulation.

Background:

Snohomish County has contracted with Kaplan Kirsch & Rockwell since December 2008 to provide legal advice and services regarding federal aviation and airport law and regulations.

Peter Kirsch is a nationally recognized attorney in the field of airports, the environment and federal aviation law and has provided counsel on a wide variety of public agencies across the country.

The current 2021 contract was for an amount not to exceed \$150,000 (by previous motions 21-332, 25-060, whereby Council approved and authorized the Executive to sign amendments 1 and 2 to the legal professional services agreements with Kaplan Kirsch) and has been extended to December 31, 2027 with one additional three-year extension term remaining.

Amendment 3 provides additional compensation of \$300,000, and a total not to exceed amount of \$450,000.

Principal, Peter Kirsch is a nationally recognized attorney in the field of airports, the environment and federal aviation law. The airport continues to require his critical services regarding federal aviation and airport law and regulations matters that arise from time to time.

Request: Move Motion 25-511 to GLS on 12-17-2025 for consideration.