

**CITY OF STANWOOD
Stanwood, Washington**

Resolution 2016-19

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF STANWOOD, WASHINGTON ("THE CITY") TO ENTER INTO DISCUSSIONS WITH THE CITY OF MARYSVILLE, THE CITY OF ARLINGTON, SNOHOMISH COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT 12, AND NORTH COUNTY REGIONAL FIRE AUTHORITY REGARDING FIRE AND EMS PROTECTION AND THE INTENT TO FORM A REGIONAL FIRE AUTHORITY (RFA) PLANNING COMMITTEE TO CONSOLIDATE FIRE AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

WHEREAS, City of Stanwood, is a municipal corporation of the State of Washington; and

WHEREAS, City of Stanwood and North County Regional Fire Authority share contiguous borders; and

WHEREAS, the City of Stanwood contracts for fire and emergency medical services with North County Regional Fire Authority; and

WHEREAS, North County Regional Fire Authority (NCRFA) and Snohomish County Fire District 12 share a contiguous border between Snohomish County Fire District 12 and NCRFA; and

WHEREAS, Snohomish County Fire District 12 shares a contiguous border with the City of Marysville and the City of Arlington; and

WHEREAS, the City of Marysville, the City of Arlington, Snohomish County Fire District 12, the NCRFA and the City of Stanwood wish to provide high quality fire and emergency medical services (EMS) to the residents of their respective Fire Protection Jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 52.26 RCW authorizes two or more fire protection jurisdictions with a contiguous border to form a Regional Fire Authority commonly known as an "RFA"; and

WHEREAS, the City of Marysville, the City of Arlington and Fire District 12 wish to participate in negotiations for the formation of an RFA; and

WHEREAS, an RFA is a special purpose district created by the vote of the people residing in the proposed district; and

WHEREAS, one initial step in forming an RFA is to appoint a planning committee to draft a regional fire protection service authority plan; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to RCW 52.26.030 the planning committee must be composed of three elected officials appointed by the governing bodies of each of the participating fire protection jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, upon receipt of the plan, the governing bodies of the Fire Protection Jurisdictions may certify the plan to the ballot and put the plan and the question of RFA formation before the voters in a single ballot measure for approval or rejection; and

WHEREAS, the plan should result in a governing board that proportionally represents the taxpayers of the RFA; and

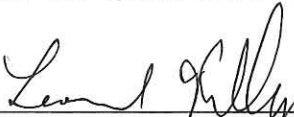
WHEREAS, the City Council for City of Stanwood believe that the public health and safety of their residents may benefit from the formation of an RFA;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Stanwood as follows:

Section 1. Authorize the Mayor to enter into discussions with the City of Marysville, the City of Arlington, Snohomish County Fire District 12, and North County Regional Fire Authority regarding fire and EMS protection and the intent to form a regional fire authority (RFA) planning committee to consolidate fire and emergency medical services

ADOPTED by the City Council of the Stanwood, Washington, at a regular open public meeting on the 22nd day of September, 2016.

CITY OF STANWOOD



Leonard Kelley, Mayor

ATTEST:



Jan Berg, City Clerk