

**CITY OF STANWOOD  
Stanwood, Washington**

**RESOLUTION 2018-07**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF STANWOOD, WASHINGTON,  
IN SUPPORT OF COUNTY-WIDE FUNDING OF A NEW  
COUNTY-WIDE 911 EMERGENCY RADIO SYSTEM.**

**WHEREAS**, public safety depends on having reliable and effective emergency 911 radio communications; and

**WHEREAS**, the Snohomish County Emergency Radio System (SERS), has, since 1999, provided a 911 emergency radio service enabling our first responders to effectively respond to emergency 911 call dispatches in our City's neighborhoods and surrounding community; and

**WHEREAS**, SERS has two decades of technical expertise in developing, acquiring, installing, operating, maintaining, and managing the countywide emergency radio system; and

**WHEREAS**, the SERS existing analog, 800 MHz radio system is now outdated and about to reach its end-of-life in 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, the independent analysis by a national consultant has determined that a new replacement radio system using modern digital technology will substantially enhance future communications capability and provide better audio voice quality for simulcast, two-way interoperable emergency communication; and

**WHEREAS**, other counties of similar size in our region have already taken action to fund and replace their outdated 800 MHz radio systems with a new P25 digital radio system; and

**WHEREAS**, SERS, with Snohomish County, is engaging in a competitive bidding procurement process to select a qualified vendor to provide a new, countywide P25 radio system; and

**WHEREAS**, the preliminary estimated cost of a new radio system is projected at \$75 million and exceeds the existing revenue and budget sources of most local governments and agencies within Snohomish County.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF STANWOOD, WASHINGTON AS FOLLOWS:**

The City of Stanwood supports taking necessary actions as soon as reasonable to replace the outdated SERS emergency radio system. The City of Stanwood respectfully urges that Snohomish County elected officials approve the resources necessary to purchase, design, and install a new, digital, countywide P25 911 emergency radio system. The City of Stanwood supports the County taking actions necessary to develop a countywide equitable funding source for the new 911 emergency radio system for City Council consideration at a later date.

**PASSED AND APPROVED** by the City Council of the City of Stanwood this 12<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2018.

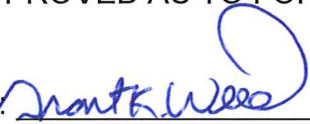
CITY OF STANWOOD

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Leonard Kelley, Mayor

ATTEST:

By:   
David A. Hammond, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

By:   
Grant K. Weed, City Attorney