

**SNOHOMISH COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT NO. 12**  
**Resolution No. 2016- A2**

**A RESOLUTION OF INTENT TO FORM A REGIONAL FIRE  
AUTHORITY (RFA) PLANNING COMMITTEE**

WHEREAS, Snohomish County Fire Protection District No. 12, is a municipal corporation of the State of Washington; and

WHEREAS, Snohomish County Fire Protection District No. 12, the City of Arlington and the City of Marysville (Fire Protection Jurisdictions) share contiguous borders; and

WHEREAS, the Fire Protection Jurisdictions wish to provide high quality fire and emergency medical services to the residents of their respective jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, the parties have cooperated in the past in providing these services; and

WHEREAS, Fire Protection Jurisdictions wish to participate in negotiations for the formation of a Regional Fire Authority commonly known as an "RFA"; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 52.26 RCW authorizes two or more fire protection jurisdictions to form a 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 Board of Commissioners for Snohomish County Fire Protection District No. 12 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 Board of Commissioners for Snohomish County Fire District No. 12 as follows:

1. That the Board of Commissioners for Snohomish County Fire District No. 12 accepts the conditional invitation of City of Marysville set forth in the adopted motion of the City Council on August 3, 2016;
2. The Board of Commissioners for Snohomish County Fire Protection District No. 12 and approve the formation of an RFA planning Committee consisting of three elected officials of Fire District No. 12, City of Marysville and City of Arlington.
3. Fire District No. 12 will request Arlington's written consent and acknowledgement that Fire District 12 will also be a participant.
4. Subject to acceptance of District 12 as a participant in the RFA planning process, District 12 will agree to extend the current Interlocal Agreement with City of Marysville not to exceed one year – until December 31, 2017 under the same terms and conditions to cover the RFA formation period.
5. Fire District No. 12 endorses the concept of an aggressive and regular meeting schedule and will support the concept of a neutral consultant /facilitator who is skilled and experienced in the formation of RFA's in Washington State.
6. The cost of such facilitator shall be shared proportionate to the assessed value or population of City of Marysville, City of Arlington and Fire District No. 12.

ADOPTED by Snohomish County Fire District No. 12's Board of Commissioners, Marysville, Washington, at a regular open public meeting on the 24 day of AUGUST, 2016.


BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

  
Chair

  
Commissioner

  
Commissioner

ATTEST:

  
District Secretary



September 12, 2016

Board of Commissioners  
Fire Protection District 12

Subject: Resolution of intent to Form a Regional Fire Authority (RFA) Planning Committee

The Marysville City Council is pleased the Board of Commissioners voted to join Marysville and the City of Arlington in exploring the possibility of forming a Regional Fire Protection Service Authority (RFA). The Council has selected its three members of the RFA Planning Committee: Councilmembers Jeff Vaughn, Jeff Seibert, and Steve Muller will serve as the Planning Committee members with Council President Kamille Norton as alternate.

The Council wishes to respond to two points raised in the Board's resolution:

First, we believe that our relationship as currently memorialized in the interlocal agreement should be addressed outside of discussions regarding the formation of an RFA. As you know, RCW 52.26.030 and .040 govern the RFA Planning Committee. All members of the Planning Committee should be involved in any decisions regarding that process. Since Arlington is not a party to the interlocal, we believe it best to confer separately on any extension of or changes to the interlocal. Of course, both the Board and the Council would have to approve any extension of change of the interlocal.

Second, while the concept of a facilitator has its merits, this is a decision that should be considered by the RFA Planning Committee once it is formed. Based on recommendations from the Planning Committee, the governing boards of each of the parties can consider the appropriate funding of a facilitator.

We look forward to a cooperative effort with you and the Planning Committee members from Arlington and hope we can achieve our common goal of providing excellent fire and emergency medical services to our citizens.

Sincerely,

Kamille Norton  
Council President