

JOINT RESOLUTION

SHORELINE FIRE DEPARTMENT
RESOLUTION NO. 24-08

NORTHSHORE FIRE DEPARTMENT
RESOLUTION NO. 24-06

A JOINT RESOLUTION of the Board of Commissioners of Shoreline Fire Department, a fire protection district, and the Board of Commissioners of Northshore Fire Department, a fire protection district, providing for the submission to the qualified electors of both fire districts, at the February 11, 2025 election a proposition that, pursuant to Chapter 52.26 of the Revised Code of Washington, approves a plan to form a regional fire protection service authority within the boundaries of the fire districts, effective May 1, 2025, and providing for other matters properly related thereto.

RECITALS

A. Providing an effective fire protection and emergency medical service system requires a collaborative partnership and responsibility among local and regional governments and the private sector.

B. There are efficiencies that can be gained by regional fire protection and emergency medical service delivery, while maintaining local control.

C. Shoreline Fire Department, a fire protection district (“Shoreline Fire District”) and Northshore Fire Department, a fire protection district (“Northshore Fire District”) have a long history of a cooperative approach to meeting the needs of their citizens.

D. On March 15th and 21st, 2024, the Boards of Commissioners of the Shoreline Fire District and Northshore Fire District, respectively, formed a Planning Committee to explore the feasibility of forming a regional fire authority and to draft a regional fire authority plan in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 52.26 RCW.

E. The Planning Committee met and prepared a Plan to create a regional fire protection service authority named the “Shoreline Fire Department” and to govern and finance its operation. The Shoreline Fire Department Regional Fire Authority Plan is being formally approved and adopted by each entity pursuant to this Joint Resolution “the Plan.” A copy of the Plan is attached as **Exhibit A** and incorporated by this reference. Copies are also available from the administrative offices of Shoreline Fire District and Northshore Fire District.

F. The authority to form a Regional Fire Protection Service Authority is established by Chapter 52.26 RCW and requires that the voters in the area affected by the Plan must approve the Plan and establish the Regional Fire Protection Service Authority.

G. Therefore, in accordance with the Plan and state law, it is appropriate to place before voters within Shoreline Fire District and Northshore Fire District (the proposed service boundaries of the Shoreline Fire Department RFA) at an election to be held on February 11, 2025 a proposition calling for the approval of the Plan and the creation of the regional fire authority known as the Shoreline Fire Department, to be initially funded by a property tax not to exceed \$.70 per thousand of assessed valuation and a fire benefit charge.

NOW THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF SHORELINE FIRE DISTRICT AND THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF NORTHSORE FIRE DISTRICT, DO HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

RESOLUTION

SECTION 1. – *Adoption of the Plan for the regional fire authority known as the Shoreline Fire Department.* The Board of Commissioners of Shoreline Fire District and the Board of Commissioners of Northshore Fire District hereby formally adopt the Shoreline Fire Department Plan, a true and correct copy of which is attached as **Exhibit A** and incorporated by this reference.

SECTION 2. – Findings of Board of Commissioners of Shoreline Fire District and Northshore Fire District. The Board of Commissioners of Shoreline Fire District and the Board of Commissioners of Northshore Fire District hereby find that it is in the best interests of Shoreline Fire District and Northshore Fire District to submit to the qualified electors of Shoreline Fire District and Northshore a Fire District at the election to be held on February 11, 2025, a proposition to approve the Plan and to create the regional fire authority known as Shoreline Fire Department. The Plan authorizes the Shoreline Fire Department RFA to be initially funded by a property tax not to exceed \$.70 per thousand and a fire benefit service charge

If approved by a 60% majority of the voters within the boundaries of the proposed Shoreline Fire Department RFA voting on the ballot proposition in accordance with RCW 52.26.060, this proposition would create a regional fire protection service authority as provided in chapter 52.26 RCW called the “Shoreline Fire Department,” with boundaries coextensive with the boundaries of Shoreline Fire District and Northshore Fire District, effective May 1, 2025, initially funded as set forth in this Section 2.

SECTION 3. - Proposition for Voter Submittal. There shall be submitted to the qualified electors of Shoreline Fire District and Northshore Fire District for their ratification or rejection, at the February 11, 2025 election the question of whether or not a regional fire authority known as the Shoreline Fire Department should be created in accordance with the Plan. The Board of Commissioners of Shoreline Fire District and the Board of Commissioners of Northshore Fire District hereby request the Auditor of King County, as *ex-officio* Supervisor of Elections, to call such election and to submit to the voters of Shoreline Fire District and Northshore Fire District the following proposition at such election, in the form of a ballot title, pursuant to RCW 52.26.060, as follows:

**SHORELINE FIRE DEPARTMENT
NORTHSHORE FIRE DEPARTMENT
PROPOSITION 1**

The Shoreline and Northshore Fire Departments have adopted a Joint Resolution approving the Shoreline Fire Department Regional Fire Authority Plan (“Plan”) creating a Regional Fire Authority (“RFA”).

This proposition would approve the Plan to create the Shoreline Fire Department RFA, effective May 1, 2025, to provide fire protection and emergency medical services. The RFA funding is based on a property tax of \$.70 per thousand of assessed value, and a fire benefit charge. The funding would replace the current property tax levies and fire benefit charges collected by the Shoreline and Northshore fire districts.

Should the Plan to create the Shoreline Fire Department Regional Fire Authority be approved?

YES []

NO []

SECTION 4. – *Authorize Continued Acts of Regional Fire Authority Planning Committee.* The Board of Commissioners of Shoreline Fire District and the Board of Commissioners of Northshore Fire District hereby authorize the Regional Fire Authority Planning Committee to continue operating on an as needed basis until the effective date of the Shoreline Fire Department RFA. The Planning Committee shall function as the governing board for the purposes of carrying out the requirements of Chapter 52.26 RCW until such time as Shoreline Fire Department RFA governing board is established pursuant to the Plan on May 1, 2025.

SECTION 5. – *Voter Approval Requirement.* Pursuant to RCW 52.26.060, the measure requires a 60% (+1) favorable majority vote to be approved.

SECTION 6. – *Voters Pamphlet.* The Board of Commissioners of Shoreline Fire District and the Board of Commissioners of Northshore Fire District find and declare that

it is in the best interest of the Districts to have information regarding the ballot measure included in the local voters' pamphlet. Furthermore, that the appropriate costs thereof shall be paid for by the Districts. The Board of Commissioners further authorize and direct the Fire Chief to provide such information to the County Elections department for inclusion and to take other actions as necessary to that end.

SECTION 7. - *Designation of Individuals to Receive Notices re: Ballot Title.* For purposes of receiving notice of any matters related to the ballot title, as provided in RCW 29A.36.080, the Board of Commissioners of Shoreline Fire District and the Board of Commissioners of Northshore Fire District hereby designates the Shoreline Fire District and Northshore Fire District Fire Chief as the individual to whom the County Auditor shall provide such notice.

SECTION 8.- *Implementation.* The Shoreline Fire District and Northshore Fire District Fire Chief is authorized to implement such administrative procedures as may be necessary to carry out the directives of this legislation, including modifying the text of the "Shoreline Fire Department Plan" and the text of the ballot title and any other text, language and/or descriptions relative thereto necessary to conform such ballot title, text, language and/or descriptions to the intent of the parties, consistent with the objectives of this resolution. No substantive modifications, to the ballot title, text, language and/or descriptions of any document shall be made without the approval of the Boards of Commissioners of each District.

SECTION 9. *Copies Filed with the County Auditors.* The Shoreline Fire District and Northshore Fire District Fire Chief or designee, is hereby authorized and directed, no later than December 13, 2024, to provide to the County Auditors certified copies of this resolution and the proper District officials are authorized to perform such other duties or take such other actions as are necessary or required by law to the end that the proposition described in this resolution appear on the ballot before the voters of the proposed Shoreline Fire Department RFA at the February 11, 2025 election.

SECTION 10 – *Severability*. If any section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this resolution or the Plan is declared unconstitutional or invalid for any reason, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this resolution or the Plan.

SECTION 11. - *Ratification*. Any act consistent with the authority and prior to the effective date of this resolution is hereby ratified and affirmed.

SECTION 12. - *Effective Date*. This resolution shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage.

ADOPTED by the Board of Commissioners of Shoreline Fire Department, King County, Washington, at an open public meeting of such Board on the 21st day of November, 2024, the below Commissioners being present and voting.

Kim Fischer, Commissioner

Rod Heivilin, Commissioner

Ken Callahan, Commissioner

Barb Sullivan, Commissioner

David Harris, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Boupha Siharath, Secretary to the Board

ADOPTED by the Board of Commissioners of Northshore Fire Department, King County, Washington, at an open public meeting of such Board on the 19th day of November, 2024, the below Commissioners being present and voting.

Lisa Wollum, Commissioner

Tyler Byers, Commissioner

Rick Webster, Commissioner

Josh Pratt, Commissioner

Eric Adman, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Amy Oakley, Secretary to the Board