

Legislation Text

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AN ORDINANCE authorizing the King County executive to enter into and implement an interlocal agreement, under chapter 39.34 RCW, with the Bothell Police Department, the city of Seattle, the city of Redmond, the Enumclaw Police Department, the King County sheriff's office, the Issaquah Police Department, NORCOM, the Port of Seattle, the University of Washington Police Department, Valley Communications Center and the Washington State Patrol, relating to the countywide enhanced 911 emergency communications system.

PREAMBLE:

In accordance with RCW 38.52.510, about statewide enhanced 911 service funding by counties, the county implements the countywide enhanced 911 ("E-911") emergency communications system so 911 is available throughout the state. The statute provides that King County must provide funding for the E-911 system in an amount equal to the amount the maximum tax under RCW 82.14B.030(1) would generate in the county less any applicable administrative fee charged by the state Department of Revenue or the amount necessary to provide full funding of the E-911 system in the county.

The regional E-911 system in King County is a partnership between the King County E-911 program office and public safety answering point ("PSAP") partners providing 911 call-answering and dispatch services for local jurisdictions. The E-911 program office is within the King County department of information technology and is responsible for ensuring correct routing of a 911 call to the appropriate public safety answering point. A PSAP, reporting to its

local stakeholders, is responsible for the 911 call answering, interrogation and dispatch of appropriate public safety agencies.

The PSAP is the public's direct link to the dispatchers of emergency services for specific jurisdictions, and who thereby directly link police, fire and medical first responders to members of the public requesting aid, protection or rescue.

In 2018, Ordinance 18695 was adopted, approving the King County Regional E-911 Strategic Plan ("the strategic plan"). The strategic plan identified a governance and decision structure supporting the regional E-911 system, the E-911 program office, each PSAP and the King County regional advisory governance board.

Representatives for the PSAP partners and the King County executive negotiated a proposed interlocal agreement, which is Attachment A to this ordinance.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

SECTION 1. The King County executive is hereby authorized to enter into an interlocal agreement relating to the countywide enhanced E-911 emergency communications system in substantially the form as Attachment A to this ordinance, with the Bothell Police Department, the city of Seattle, the city of Redmond, the Enumclaw Police Department, the King County sheriff's office, the Issaquah Police Department, NORCOM, the Port of Seattle, the University of Washington Police Department, Valley Communications Center, the Washington State Patrol and any additional public safety answering point partner agreeing to the interlocal agreement.