

ORDINANCE NO. 941-2017

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRANITE FALLS AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT CREATING SNOHOMISH COUNTY 911, A COUNTYWIDE CONSOLIDATED PUBLIC EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS AGENCY, AND AUTHORIZING OTHER RELATED ACTIONS.

WHEREAS, the City of Granite Falls (the "City"), a municipal corporation formed under the laws of the State of Washington (the "State"), is authorized by State law to provide emergency communications services to assist with the dispatch of police and/or fire/emergency management personnel to respond to 911 calls and related services; and

WHEREAS, the City has for many years contracted with the Snohomish County Police Staff and Auxiliary Services Center ("SNOPAC"), a municipal instrumentality of its members, jointly organized by such members as a nonprofit corporation under chapter 24.06 RCW as expressly authorized by RCW 39.34.030(3)(b), for the provision of these emergency communications services; and

WHEREAS, SNOCOM and SNOPAC have worked for over three years to investigate the feasibility of consolidating the two agencies and, in the last year and a half, the Boards of Directors of the two agencies have negotiated terms and conditions for such a consolidation;

WHEREAS, the Boards of Directors of SNOCOM and SNOPAC have determined that it is in the public interest to consolidate the two agencies in order to improve public safety and achieve economies of scale; and

WHEREAS, the Boards of Directors of SNOCOM and SNOPAC have each approved (by at least two-thirds affirmative vote) a resolution authorizing the consolidation of SNOCOM and SNOPAC into a new countywide public safety dispatch agency to be known as Snohomish County 911, pursuant to a plan of consolidation as required by chapter 24.06 RCW (the "Plan of Consolidation"); and

WHEREAS, under the Plan of Consolidation, on January 1, 2018 (the "Consolidation Effective Date"), SNOCOM and SNOPAC will become a single new corporation formed as a municipal instrumentality of its members pursuant to RCW 39.34.030 and organized as a nonprofit corporation under chapter 39.34 RCW as authorized by chapter 39.34 RCW, and SNOCOM and SNOPAC will cease to exist as separate legal entities; and

WHEREAS, all agencies who are members of SNOCOM and SNOPAC may join Snohomish County 911, either as a full member and co-owner (a "Principal"), or as an associate agency (an "Associate Agency"), or alternatively may become a subscriber (a "Subscriber") of contract services; and

WHEREAS, Snohomish County 911 is created and will be governed by the terms of the Snohomish County Regional Public Safety Communications Agency Interlocal Agreement, including all exhibits thereto (the "Agreement") in the form of a governmental nonprofit corporation as authorized by chapter 39.34 RCW (the Interlocal Cooperation Act), and chapter 24.06 RCW (the Nonprofit Miscellaneous and Mutual Corporations Act); and

WHEREAS, in 2018 emergency communications dispatch operations will remain largely as they are today, operating out of two existing facilities but under a new unified governance structure under the Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the City meets the qualifications of an Associate Agency as further defined in the Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the City has been provided forms of the Agreement, the Articles of Consolidation, the Plan of Consolidation, and other documents related to the consolidation of SNOCOM and SNOFAC in order to make the determinations set forth herein; and

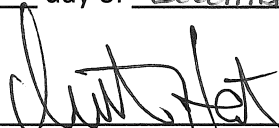
WHEREAS, the City Council finds it is in the public interest of the citizens of the City to become an Associate Agency of Snohomish County 911 and to approve other matters related thereto as set forth herein;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it ordained by the City Council of the City as follows:

Section 1. Approval of the Agreement; Execution. The City Council hereby approves the Agreement in substantially the form attached hereto as **Exhibit A** and incorporated herein by this reference, and elects to become an Associate Agency of Snohomish County 911. The Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to execute, on behalf of the City, the Agreement, in form substantially similar to that attached as Exhibit A, and to take other steps as necessary and to execute any related documents in order that the City may become an Associate Agency of Snohomish County 911. By execution of the Agreement, the City hereby approves the consolidation of SNOCOM and SNOFAC pursuant to the Plan of Consolidation.

Passed by majority vote of the City Council in open meeting this 20th day of December, 2017.

Signed in authentication thereof this 20th day of December, 2017.




MATTHEW HARTMAN, Mayor

ATTEST:


DARLA REESE, MMC, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


THOM GRAAFSTRA, City Attorney