

INTERIM INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR YOUTH FIRESETTING INTERVENTION REFERRALS

THIS INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT ("Agreement") is entered into between **SOUTH COUNTY FIRE ("SCF")**, and **SNOHOMISH COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT NO. 4** (the "District") (individually, "Party" and collectively, "Parties") for referrals to South County Fire's Youth Firesetting Intervention Program.

I. RECITALS

WHEREAS, This Agreement is made with reference to the following facts:

- A.** SCF has trained personnel for the Snohomish County Fire Stoppers program (the "Program") which is designed as an intervention program to avoid misuse of fire by children;
- B.** The Program involves referrals of youth who are charged with fire related crimes or who exhibit inappropriate behavior toward fire;
- C.** Referrals may be pursuant to a court order or by the parent/caregiver, school, law enforcement or first responders employed by a fire department;
- D.** Once referred to the Program, the child undergoes an initial interview to understand their motivations related to fire incidents;
- E.** Following an interview, Program personnel follow up with the child's parent/caregiver to provide information and offer further mental health referrals;
- F.** Utilizing a Fire Stopper Program can improve a fire protection district's rating with the Washington Surveying and Rating Bureau ("WSRB");
- G.** The District currently lacks trained personnel necessary to operate its own Program; and
- H.** SCF is willing to accept Program referrals from the District as provided herein.

II. TERMS AND CONDITIONS

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants and conditions contained herein, the Parties agree as follows.

1. **TERM.** This Agreement shall commence on the date that this Agreement is fully executed and either recorded with the Snohomish County Auditor or posted on either Party's website (the "Commencement Date") and shall continue indefinitely until terminated by either party by providing not less than thirty (30) days' advance written notice (the "Expiration Date").
2. **FIRE STOPPER SERVICES.** During the term of this Agreement, South County Fire agrees to accept Program referrals from the District.

3. **FEES.** In light of the mutual benefits to be received by SCF in reducing youth-caused fires, no fees shall be charged to the District for making a referral to SCF.

4. **ADMINISTRATION OF AGREEMENT.** This Agreement shall be implemented and administered by the Fire Chief from SCF and the Fire Chief from the District, or their designees, who shall meet and confer as needed on any matters of mutual concern which involve this Agreement.

5. **FURTHER COOPERATION.** The Parties shall cooperate in good faith and execute such documents as necessary to effectuate the purposes and intent of this Agreement.

6. **RECORDING.** A copy of this Agreement shall be filed with the Snohomish County Auditor or posted on the website of either party.

7. **INDEPENDENT MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENTS.** The Parties hereto are independent municipal corporations. Except for the specific terms herein, nothing herein shall be construed to limit the discretion of the governing bodies of either Party. Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed to create a joint entity between the Parties. Any property to be held in connection with this Agreement shall be held as the separate property of the Party in whose name the property is or was acquired.

8. **ENTIRE AGREEMENT.** The entire agreement between the Parties hereto is contained in this Agreement and exhibits hereto; and this Agreement supersedes all of their previous understandings and agreements, written and oral, with respect to this transaction. This Agreement may be amended only by written instrument executed by the Parties subsequent to the date hereof.

Signatures on the Following Page

DATED: 10/21/2025

SOUTH COUNTY FIRE


Jim Kenny, Commission Chair


Mark Laurence, Commission Vice Chair


David Chan, Fire Commissioner


Michael Fearnough, Fire Commissioner


Micah Rowland, Fire Commissioner


Chris Teofilak, Fire Commissioner


Edward Widdis, Fire Commissioner

ATTEST:


Melissa Blankenship,
Executive Assistant to the Board of Commissioners

DATED: 10/13/25

**SNOHOMISH COUNTY FIRE
DISTRICT NO. 4**


Brian Mills, Commission Chair


Evan Merritt, Fire Commissioner


Craig Erickson, Fire Commissioner

ATTEST:


Don Waller, District Secretary and Fire Chief