

Section 2: Definitions

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The definitions in this section apply throughout this RFA Plan unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

Board or RFA Governing Board means the governing body of the Camas/Washougal RFA.

Participating jurisdictions means the two cities—Camas and Washougal—forming the Camas/Washougal RFA upon voter approval of the RFA Plan.

Camas/Washougal RFA or RFA means the municipal corporation, an independent taxing authority within the meaning of Article VII, Section 1 of the Washington Constitution, and a taxing district within the meaning of Article VII, Section 2 of said constitution, whose boundaries are coextensive with the boundaries of the Participating Jurisdictions as of the effective Date of formation, as created by the majority vote of the registered voters within those boundaries, to implement the Camas/Washougal RFA Plan.

Camas/Washougal RFA Planning Committee or Regional Fire Authority Planning Committee (RFAPC) means the advisory committee authorized by RCW 52.26.030 to draft and propose to the governing bodies of the Participating jurisdictions a plan to design, finance, and develop an RFA to be submitted to the voters of the Participating jurisdictions for their approval.

Camas/Washougal RFA Plan or RFA Plan means the Plan to develop and finance the Camas/Washougal RFA, including but not limited to governance, design, specific capital projects, fire operations, emergency medical services, facilities, and maintenance, repair, and preservation of existing and future facilities and systems, pursuant to RCW 52.26.040.

Camas means the City of Camas.

Washougal means the City of Washougal.

EMS Levy means the voter-approved property tax levy to fund Emergency Medical Services per RCW 84.52.069.

RCW means Revised Code of Washington.

The **DEFINITIONS** section of the **RFA Plan** is subject to amendment by a majority vote of the RFA Governing Board.



Section 3: Legal Authority

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Regional Fire Protection Service Authority

The authority to form a Regional Fire Protection Services Authority by the Participating Jurisdictions is provided by Chapter 52.26 of the Revised Code of Washington.

Pursuant to RCW 52.26.090(1)(g), the governing Board of the Camas/Washougal Regional Fire Authority shall exercise its powers and perform its duties as the Board determines necessary to carry out the purposes, functions and projects of the authority in accordance with the following statutes: (a) all of the statutory chapters and sections of Title 52 of the Revised Code of Washington, including but not limited to RCW 52.12.021 and RCW 52.12.031. Further, the governing Board may adopt a Community Assistance Referral and Education Services (CARES) program pursuant to RCW 35.21.930.

Planning Committee Authority

The authority to form the Camas/Washougal Planning Committee is provided in RCW 52.26.020. Authority and empowerment of the Camas/Washougal Planning Committee is provided in RCW 52.26.030.

RFA Plan Approval Authority

Upon successful development, approval, and adoption of the Camas/Washougal RFA Plan by the Planning Committee, the governing bodies of the Participating Jurisdictions shall certify the RFA PLAN to the ballot, including identification of the revenue options and levy rate specified to fund the Plan.

The Participating Jurisdictions—Camas and Washougal --shall jointly draft a ballot title, give notice as required by law for ballot measures, and perform other duties as required to put the Plan before the registered voters of the respective Participating Jurisdictions for their approval or rejection as a single ballot measure that approves formation of the Camas/Washougal RFA and approves the RFA plan.

On the Effective Date, the interlocal agreement between Camas and Washougal regarding the formation and operation of the Camas/Washougal Fire Department, dated December 4, 2013, and any subsequent renewal agreements shall be terminated.

Transition

The LEGAL AUTHORITY section of the RFA Plan is subject to amendment or revision only by a majority vote of the RFA Governing Board.



Section 4: Jurisdictional Boundaries

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Jurisdictional Boundaries on Date of Formation

On the Effective Date, the jurisdictional boundaries of the RFA shall be the legal boundaries of the Participating Jurisdictions. The boundaries are generally depicted on the map attached hereto and in **Appendix A** of this RFA Plan.

Changes in Jurisdictional Boundaries After Date of Formation of the RFA

Any territory that is annexed to either participating jurisdiction is deemed annexed to the RFA as of the effective Date of annexation. A fire protection jurisdiction within reasonable proximity to the boundaries of the RFA is eligible to be annexed into the RFA per RCW 52.26.300. Such an annexation is initiated by the adoption of a resolution by the governing body of the fire protection jurisdiction requesting the annexation.

Such a resolution shall be filed with the governing body of the RFA for that body's consideration, and the governing body may amend this RFA plan to establish the terms and conditions of the annexation. If the governing body requesting the annexation accepts the terms and conditions and the plan amendment, the annexation proposition is submitted to the voters of the annexing jurisdiction for their approval or disapproval.

Transition

The JURISDICTIONAL BOUNDARIES section of the RFA Plan is subject to amendment or revision only by a majority vote of the RFA Governing Board.

Section 11: Appendices

APPENDIX A: RFA Commissioner District Map

