

RESOLUTION NO. 1868

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKE FOREST PARK, WASHINGTON, AUTHORIZING THE FORMATION OF THE REGIONAL CRISIS RESPONSE AGENCY AND THE INCORPORATION OF THE AGENCY AS A NONPROFIT CORPORATION UNDER CHAPTER 24.06 RCW; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE REGIONAL CRISIS RESPONSE AGENCY INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, the City of Lake Forest Park (the “City”) and the Cities of Bothell, Kenmore, Kirkland, and Shoreline (collectively, the “Parties”) are committed to improving outcomes and services to community members experiencing crisis through a variety of programs and finding ways to reduce the potential of the use of force by law enforcement; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to an Interlocal Agreement dated May 2019, the Parties have been members of the North Sound RADAR Navigators, a grant-funded regional “co-response” pilot program (the “RADAR Program”) that pairs a contracted mental health professional with law enforcement to provide crisis de-escalation, reduce the use of force, and improve outcomes for community members in behavioral health crisis; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the RADAR Program, in 2021, the City of Kirkland created a Community Safety Initiative to fund “community responders” to respond to calls involving underlying behavioral health, substance abuse or developmental disability components (the “Kirkland Community Responder Program”); and

WHEREAS, in early 2022, the Parties determined to explore the creation of a regional mobile crisis response entity, recognizing the potential benefits of merging the RADAR Program and the Kirkland Community Responder Program in order to achieve expanded crisis response coverage in the jurisdictions of the Parties, elevate shared governance of these programs to city managers and/or elected officials within the jurisdictions of the Parties, and align with regional efforts by the Parties to site a crisis stabilization clinic in north King County, among other benefits; and

WHEREAS, the Parties agree that public safety and emergency response services, including crisis response awareness, support, and resource referral for community members with behavioral health issues, substance abuse, and/or developmental disabilities, will be enhanced by combining and expanding the RADAR Program and the Kirkland Community Responder Program into a separate regional nonprofit governmental entity to be jointly governed and funded by the Parties; and

WHEREAS, the City Council now desires to authorize the execution of the

Regional Crisis Response Agency Interlocal Agreement and Articles of Incorporation and related documents to facilitate the formation of the separate regional nonprofit governmental entity as provided herein;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Lake Forest Park, as follows:

Section 1. Formation of Agency. The City Council hereby authorizes the formation of the “Regional Crisis Response Agency” (the “Agency”) as a separate, independent governmental administrative agency, pursuant to the terms of the Regional Crisis Response Agency Interlocal Agreement (the “Interlocal Agreement”), authorized in Section 2. The Agency shall be organized as a nonprofit corporation under chapter 24.06 RCW, pursuant to the terms of its Regional Crisis Response Agency Articles of Incorporation (the “Articles of Incorporation”) authorized in Section 3.

Section 2. Interlocal Agreement. The City Council hereby approves the Interlocal Agreement, in substantially the form attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated herein by this reference. The Mayor is hereby authorized to execute, on behalf of the City, such Interlocal Agreement with such changes as determined to be appropriate by such representative and in the best interest of the City.

Section 3. Articles of Incorporation. The City Council hereby approves the Regional Crisis Response Agency Articles of Incorporation (the “Articles of Incorporation”), in substantially the form attached hereto as Exhibit B and incorporated herein by this reference. The Mayor is hereby authorized to execute, on behalf of the City, such Articles of Incorporation with such changes as determined to be appropriate by such representative and in the best interest of the City. Such Articles of Incorporation are hereby further authorized to be filed with the Washington Secretary of State, together with other related documents, in order to incorporate the Agency as a Washington nonprofit organization.

Section 4. Further Authority; Ratification. All City officials, their agents, and representatives are hereby authorized and directed to undertake all action necessary or desirable from time to time to carry out the terms of, and complete the transactions contemplated by, this Resolution. All acts taken pursuant to the authority of this Resolution but prior to its effective date are hereby ratified.

Section 5. CORRECTIONS. The City Clerk is authorized to make necessary corrections to this resolution, including, but not limited to, the correction of scriveners/clerical errors, references, resolution numbering, section/subsection numbers and any reference thereto.

Section 6. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage and adoption.

PASSED BY A MAJORITY VOTE of the members of the Lake Forest Park City Council this 10th day of November, 2022.

APPROVED:

Jeff Johnson
Mayor

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATED:

Matt McLean
City Clerk

FILED WITH THE CITY CLERK:
PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL:
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