CITY OF LAKE FOREST PARK
CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA COVER SHEET

Meeting Date	November 12, 2026
Originating Department	Executive
Contact Person	Phillip Hill, City Administrator
Title	Resolution 26-2113/Authorizing the Mayor to sign the Second Amendment to the Interlocal Agreement for Regional Emergency Management, known as the North Shore Emergency Management Coalition

Legislative History

- First Presentation/Action – November 12, 2026, Regular City Council Meeting

Attachments:

1. Resolution 26-2113
2. Second Amendment to the Interlocal Agreement
3. First Amendment to the Interlocal Agreement
4. Interlocal Agreement

Executive Summary

The Interlocal Agreement (ILA) for Regional Emergency Management, known as the North Shore Emergency Management Coalition (NEMCo), is between the Cities of Lake Forest Park and Kenmore, and the King County Fire District No. 16. Council approved a one-year extension in December 2025, as Kenmore conducted a study to determine next steps for emergency management in that city. Following completion of that study, the city of Kenmore has informed NEMCo that they will be continuing as a member.

The administration was exploring a possible expansion of NEMCo to include the city of Shoreline. Their administration had expressed an interest in joining NEMCo, and the first one-year extension provided the time necessary for the three cities and fire district to explore how this could be accomplished. Ultimately, the City of Shoreline has determined that their current in-house emergency manager meets their needs.

As the cities of Lake Forest Park and Kenmore and King County Fire District No. 16 continued to meet, it was determined that the current NEMCo structure best serves all involved. This Second Amendment to the ILA would retain the status quo with respect to staffing, member's share of costs, and LFP as the fiduciary through December 31, 2027. The only change anticipated in 2027 will be the hiring of a new emergency manager, as the incumbent has taken a position elsewhere.

Background

Emergency management involves coordinating and integrating activities to prepare for, respond to, and recover from disasters. This includes coordinating rescue efforts, providing emergency services, establishing predetermined escape and evacuation routes, making sure there are accessible stores of water and food, and opening emergency shelters.

Recognizing the benefits of coordinated actions in a disaster, and the limited resources of each of the founding agencies, NEMCo was formed to provide ongoing training to staff and elected officials, coordinated activation of the Emergency Operations Center (EOC), training of residents through CERT, resource management and preparation of emergency plans.

The largest stand up of the EOC was in response to the Covid Pandemic. While member agencies did not meet in person, online formats were utilized to meet on a weekly basis for updates from state and regional emergency management agencies and to consider appropriate responses and timing of such, while operating in uncharted territory.

Fiscal & Policy Implications

The Mayor's proposed budget includes the appropriate allocation to support the city's portion of the NEMCo budget through 2027.

Alternatives

Options	***Results***
• Adopt Resolution 26-2113 authorizing the mayor to sign the one-year extension of the NEMCo ILA.	Emergency management will continue to be provided through NEMCo to the member agencies.
• Do not adopt Resolution 26-2113 authorizing the mayor to sign the one-year extension of the NEMCo ILA.	Emergency management through NEMCo would not be provided to the city, and the NEMCo may be terminated.

Staff Recommendation

Review the proposed ILA extension through 2027 for NEMCo. Authorizing the mayor to sign the amendment will support continued emergency services to the member agencies through 2027.