RESOLUTION NO. 26-2111

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKE FOREST PARK, WASHINGTON, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN A SECOND AMENDMENT TO THE CONTRACT WITH STEWART MACNICHOLS HARMELL, INC., P.S. FOR PUBLIC DEFENSE SERVICES

WHEREAS, the Sixth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution grants all criminal defendants the right to an attorney; and

WHEREAS, if a defendant cannot afford an attorney, the defendant will be granted one by the governing body; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lake Forest Park contracts with Stewart MacNichols Harmell, Inc., P.S for public defense services to provide counsel for indigent criminal defendants at Lake Forest Park Municipal Court; and

WHEREAS, the State of Washington Supreme Court has ordered a reduction in the caseload of public defenders beginning in 2026 to be implemented over the next 10 years, which has impacted the cost of public defense services. ; and

WHEREAS, the City's contract with Stewart MacNichols Harmell, Inc., P.S provides for renegotiation based on repercussions from the Supreme Court's Order;; and

WHEREAS, the parties have agreed to a Second Amendment to the contract regarding compensation and a one year extension.

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

Section 1. AMENDMENT APPROVED. The Second Amendment to the contract with Stewart MacNichols Harmell, Inc., P.S. for public defense services is approved, and the Mayor is authorized to sign the amendment to the contract in substantially the same form as provided in the attached Exhibit A.

Section 2. CORRECTIONS. The City Clerk is authorized to make necessary corrections to this resolution including, but not limited to, the correction of scrivener's/clerical errors, references, resolution numbering, section/subsection numbers and any references thereto.

PASSED BY A MAJORITY VOTE of the members of the City of Lake Forest Park City Council this ____ day of November 2026.

APPROVED:

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Tom French
Mayor

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATED:

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Matt McLean
City Clerk

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