

RESOLUTION NO. 25-2039

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKE FOREST PARK, WASHINGTON, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN THE FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT, AG-23-78, 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 is the governing body that contracts for public defense services to provide counsel for indigent criminal defendants at Lake Forest Park Municipal Court; and

WHEREAS, in 2018, the City selected Stewart MacNichols Harmell, Inc., P.S. to provide public defense services after a competitive Request for Proposals (RFP) process and in 2023 entered into a new contract for a 3-year term with the possibility of extensions; and

WHEREAS, the 2023 contract included a provision for renegotiation due to a change in rules or standards for providing public defense services; and

WHEREAS, recently, the Washington State Supreme Court significantly amended the standards for public defense representation, causing the need to amend the contract for public defense services.

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

Section 1. AMENDMENT APPROVED. The 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 _____ 2025.

APPROVED:

Tom French
Mayor

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATED:

Matt McLean
City Clerk

FILED WITH THE CITY CLERK: November 7, 2025
PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL:
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