



CITY OF LAKE FOREST PARK

CITY COUNCIL

AGENDA COVER SHEET

Meeting Date	December 11, 2025
Originating Department	Executive
Contact Person	Phillip Hill, City Administrator
Title	Resolution 25-2051/Authorizing the Mayor to sign the First Amendment to the Interlocal Agreement for Regional Emergency Management

Legislative History

- First Presentation/Action – December 11, 2025, Regular City Council Meeting
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Attachments:

1. Resolution 25-2051/ Authorizing the Mayor to sign the First Amendment to the Interlocal Agreement for Regional Emergency Management
 2. First Amendment to the Interlocal Agreement
 3. Current Interlocal Agreement
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Executive Summary

The current Interlocal Agreement (ILA) for Regional Emergency Management forms the joint operation known as the Northshore Emergency Management Coalition (NEMCo), between the Cities of Lake Forest Park, Kenmore, and King County Fire District No. 16. The ILA was approved in December 2024 by Council for one year, as Kenmore conducted a study to determine next steps for emergency management in that city. Following completion of that study earlier this year, the City of Kenmore has informed NEMCo that they will be continuing as a member.

For roughly the past year, the administration has been exploring a possible expansion of NEMCo to include the City of Shoreline. Their administration has expressed an interest in joining NEMCo, and this one-year extension will provide the time necessary for the three cities and fire district to explore how this could be accomplished, which would be implemented through an ILA between the four agencies that would go into effect in January 2027.

Given the one-year duration of the 2025 ILA, the Emergency Management Council was not established in 2025 (Section 8 Governance) and Kenmore has informed the city that it is not interested in pursuing

this for the one-year extension through 2026. Inclusion of this provision will be considered during negotiations of a new, longer-term ILA.

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 Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), resource management and preparation of emergency plans.

The largest stand up of the EOC in the past 6 years 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 adopted budget will require an increase of funding of \$51,871 to support the city's portion of the NEMCo budget through 2026.

Alternatives

<i>Options</i>	<i>Results</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Adopt Resolution 25-2051 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.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Do not adopt Resolution 25-2051 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 agency may be terminated.

Staff Recommendation

Review the proposed ILA extension through 2026 for NEMCo. Authorizing the mayor to sign the amendment will support continued emergency services to the member agencies through 2026.