



MEDINA, WASHINGTON

AGENDA BILL

Monday, July 12, 2021

Subject: First Modification for Independent Force Investigation Team (IFIT) – King County

Category: Consent

Staff Contact: Steve Burns, Chief of Police

Summary

At the February 8, 2021, Council Meeting the Medina City Council approved the City of Medina participation in the Independent Force Investigation Team – King County (IFIT-KC). IFIT-KC will handle independent and transparent investigations for officer-involved incidents where the use of deadly force by a police officer results in death, substantial bodily harm, or great bodily harm, occurring within the boundaries of Medina or Hunts Point.

Additional language is being requested by the Washington State Patrol so they can participate in IFIT-KC.

The following is being requested to be added to the agreement:

9. USE OF INFORMATION FOR CIVIL IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT IS PROHIBITED. Under Washington law, and local ordinance, state and local law enforcement agencies and their personnel are generally prohibited from enforcing or assisting federal agencies engaged in civil immigration proceedings pursuant to RCW 10.93.160. Primary jurisdiction for enforcement is with the United States federal immigration authority. See RCW 10.93.160. The purpose of this modification to the Agreement is to make clear that the parties interpret the Agreement as consistent with the Washington law, including RCW 10.93.160, in that no Party or its personnel shall engage in any acts proscribed by Washington law.

Consistent with RCW 10.93.160 and Washington Executive Order 17-01, applicable to the Washington State Patrol (WSP), the Parties agree not to use or share any information obtained from the WSP, its systems, or its personnel, with any third parties to support or engage in civil immigration enforcement activities.

Attachments

1. IFIT-KC Interlocal Agreement (ILA) First Modification
2. IFIT-KC Interlocal Agreement (ILA)

Budget/Fiscal Impact: None

Recommendation: Approve.

City Manager Approval: 

Proposed Council Motion: “I move to approve the first modification for the Independent Force Investigation Team – King County (IFIT-KC).”