

**CITY OF MERCER ISLAND, WASHINGTON  
RESOLUTION NO. 1583**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF MERCER ISLAND AUTHORIZING AND  
DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO SIGN ON BEHALF OF THE CITY,  
THE PUGET SOUND EMERGENCY RADIO NETWORK OPERATOR  
INTERLOCAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT.**

WHEREAS, King County currently has a countywide emergency public safety radio network. The King County Emergency Radio Communication System (“KCERCS”) supports over seventeen thousand radios and nearly two hundred separate police, fire, emergency medical and other governmental agencies.

WHEREAS, portions of KCERCS are separately owned by the Eastside Public Safety Communications Agency, Valley Communications Center, the City of Seattle, and King County with a jointly owned switch controlling the entire network.

WHEREAS, KCERCS is over twenty years old and is increasingly unsupported by the supplier of the system’s equipment, software, and related parts.

WHEREAS, the cities of Auburn, Bellevue, Federal Way, Issaquah, Kent, Kirkland, Mercer Island, Redmond, Renton, Seattle, and Tukwila and King County (“Parties”) determined that it is in the public interest that a new public safety radio system, referred to as the Puget Sound Emergency Radio System (“PSERN”), be implemented to provide public safety agencies and other user groups in the region with improved coverage and capacity, as well as uniformly high-quality radio communications.

WHEREAS, the Parties entered into the Puget Sound Emergency Radio Implementation Period Interlocal Cooperation Agreement (“Implementation Period ILA”) that designates King County as the lead agency for planning, procurement, financing, implementation, and limited operation of PSERN. The Implementation Period ILA also establishes a Joint Board to oversee the PSERN Project implementation.

WHEREAS, the Parties each gave 800 MHz frequencies to the PSERN Project that will become the new PSERN system and will eventually be owned by the PSERN Operator, and

WHEREAS, the Parties to the Implementation Period ILA have negotiated a separate agreement, the Puget Sound Emergency Radio Network Operator Interlocal Cooperation Agreement to create a new separate governmental agency under RCW 39.34.030(3)(b) that is organized as a non-profit corporation under Chapter 24.06 RCW to assume the ownership and control of PSERN following full system acceptance.

WHEREAS, in addition to creating the new agency to be called the PSERN Operator, the PSERN Operator ILA establishes the terms for governance of the PSERN Operator and the terms under which the PSERN Operator will undertake responsibility for the ownership, operations, maintenance, management and on-going upgrading/replacing of the PSERN system during its useful life.

WHEREAS, the PSERN Joint Board, created by the Implementation Period ILA, approved the PSERN Operator ILA by unanimous vote, now, therefore,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MERCER ISLAND, WASHINGTON, AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1.** The city council of the city of Mercer Island authorizes the City Manager to sign all documents necessary to enact the Puget Sound Emergency Radio Network Operator Interlocal Cooperation Agreement in substantially the same form as Attachment A to this resolution, with King County and the cities of Auburn, Bellevue, Federal Way, Issaquah, Kent, Kirkland, Redmond, Renton, Seattle and Tukwila for the Puget Sound Emergency Radio Network Operator, to take all actions necessary to implement the terms of the interlocal agreement.

**PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MERCER ISLAND, WASHINGTON, AT ITS REGULAR MEETING ON OCTOBER 6, 2020.**

CITY OF MERCER ISLAND

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Benson Wong, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Deborah A. Estrada, City Clerk