

Council Agenda Bill

AB Number

AB25-088

Agenda Bill Information

Title*

2026 North East King County Regional Public Safety Communications Agency Budget Allocation

Action*

Motion

Council Agenda Section

Committee Report

Council Meeting Date*

10/13/2025

Staff Member

Mike Bailey

Department*

Fire

Committee

Public Safety

Committee Date

10/06/2025

Exhibits

Packet Attachments - if any

2026 Snoqualmie Fire Fee Memo.pdf	300.05KB
Resolution xxx - NORCOM Budget Allocation.docx	13.48KB
Current NORCOM Agreement.pdf	3.23MB

Summary

Introduction*

Brief summary.

The North East King County Regional Public Safety Communications Agency (NORCOM) Interlocal Agreement, to which the City is a party, requires the City Council to approve the City's allocation for NORCOM's budget each year by resolution. The City's allocation for 2026 is proposed at \$75,468. This amount is a \$4,875 or 6.9% increase from the 2025 assessment of \$70,594.

Proposed Motion

Move to adopt Resolution xxx approving the City of Snoqualmie's allocation for the 2026 NORCOM budget.

Background/Overview*

What was done (legislative history, previous actions, ability to hyperlink)

The NORCOM Interlocal Agreement was formed on November 1, 2007. Pursuant to Section 12 (c) of the agreement, each participating agency must approve their allocation for the following year. The NORCOM budget is authorized and approved by the NORCOM Governing Board, to which a City representative, currently the fire chief, holds a vote. The 2026 budget was approved by the Governing Board on July 11, 2025. This budget reflects changes in NORCOM's services, revenue sources and expenditures in 2026, particularly negotiated benefits, personnel COLAs and funding for three capital projects. The Governing Board approved a total increase of 4.3% to fees in 2026, to include the approved usage of \$400,000 from the beginning fund balance to offset an additional increase to user fee calculations.

Analysis*

NORCOM provides excellent service to the Snoqualmie Fire Department in the way of emergency radio communications, and it is currently not in the fire department's best interest to seek alternatives for service. As the City holds a seat on the Governing Board for NORCOM, this allows the City the opportunity to monitor costs and service levels going forward. NORCOM also funds a Fire Liaison position which works with the zone fire chiefs on operational issues, giving member agencies another voice with NORCOM to effect change and foster cooperation.

Budgetary Status*

Funds have already been authorized in the current biennial budget.

Budget Summary

Administration recommends approving the City's allocation of NORCOM's budget, totalling \$75,468. The City incorporated this expenditure within the 2025-26 Biennial Budget as a part of the Fire Department's (#001) services, totaling \$2,862,384. Currently, \$920,841 has been spent, with \$1,941,543 remaining for other service expenditures. After the 2026 NORCOM allocation of \$75,468, the City still has \$1,866,075 remaining for other service expenditures. See the table below or on the following page. Therefore, sufficient appropriation remains to fund the NORCOM ILA for 2026.

Fiscal Impact

Amount of Expenditure	Amount Budgeted	Appropriation Requested
\$75,468.00	\$2,862,384.00	\$0.00

Fiscal Impact Screenshot

Fire Department (#001) - Services

2025-26 Biennial Budget	
Beginning Budget	\$ 2,862,384
Expenditures	\$ (920,841)
Current Available Budget	\$ 1,941,543
Cost of AB25-088	\$ (75,468)
Available Budget after AB25-088	\$ 1,866,075