

RESOLUTION NO. 1741

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF SNOQUALMIE, WASHINGTON, APPROVING A CONTRACT FOR INDIGENT DEFENSE SERVICES WITH VALLEY DEFENDERS PLLC.

WHEREAS, Washington State Supreme Court by order 25700-A-1644 adopted June 9, 2025, has adopted “New Standards for Indigent Defense” to be effective January 1, 2026, and implemented over a ten-year period; and

WHEREAS, effective January 1, 2026, the caseload standard for each full-time appointed felony attorney for any 12-month period shall be 47 felony case credits; and for each full-time appointed misdemeanor attorney for any 12-month period shall be 120 misdemeanor case credits; and for each full-time appointed attorney for a respondent in civil commitment proceedings for any 12-month period shall be 250 commitment case credits; and

WHEREAS, the City of Snoqualmie has contracted with Valley Defenders, PLLC since January 13, 2013, and has been satisfied with their services; and

WHEREAS, based on the Washington State Supreme Court order 25700-A-1644 mandating new indigent defense standards, the case load amount for each public defense attorney will decrease, resulting in the cost of public defense services increasing; and

WHEREAS, to ensure compliance with Washington State Supreme Court order 25700-A-1644, the City of Snoqualmie is entering into a new contract with Valley Defenders, PLLC for indigent defense services effective January 1, 2026.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: The Mayor is authorized to enter into the contract with Valley Defenders PLLC, attached hereto as Exhibit A.

PASSED by the City Council of the City of Snoqualmie, Washington, this 8th day of December 2025.

Katherine Ross, Mayor

Attest:

Deana Dean, City Clerk