

RESOLUTION NO. 1740

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF SNOQUALMIE, WASHINGTON, ADOPTING NEW INDIGENT DEFENSE STANDARDS, DIRECTING STAFF TO REVIEW STANDARDS AND POTENTIAL ADDITIONS TO OR CLARIFICATIONS THEREOF; INCORPORATION OF THE STANDARDS INTO PUBLIC DEFENSE CONTRACTS; AND REPEALING RESOLUTION 1164.

WHEREAS, RCW 10.101.030 required each City to adopt public defense standards, establishing as guidance the standards of the Washington State Bar Association – Standards for Indigent Defense Services Approved June 9, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the City of Snoqualmie adopted Resolution 1164 on June 15, 2012, the standards for Indigent Defense to be effective September 2, 2012; and,

WHEREAS, Washington State Supreme Court by order number 25700-A-1644 on June 9, 2025, adopted “New Standards for Indigent Defense” to be effective January 1, 2026, to be 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, implementation of the new standards may be accomplished in a phased approach with an annual reduction of at least 10% of the difference between the current standard and the new standard (as measured on January 1, 2026), until the new standard has been met. Full compliance must occur no later than ten years from January 1, 2026.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

Section 1. Pursuant to the provisions of RCW 10.101.030, the City Council hereby adopts as its standards for indigent defense those standards contained in Washington State Supreme Court order No. 25700-A-1644 adopted June 9, 2025, attached hereto as Exhibit A.

Section 2. Resolution 1164 and any prior Resolution adopting public defender standards are hereby repealed.

Section 3. Staff are directed to review the indigent defense standards adopted today and propose at a future date if warranted any potential additions or clarifications.

Section 4. The indigent defense standards attached in Exhibit A are to be incorporated in any future contract for provision of indigent defense standards.

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