

RESOLUTION NO. 1746

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF SNOQUALMIE, WASHINGTON, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN A FOURTH AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT WITH MADRONA LAW GROUP PLLC ("MADRONA")

WHEREAS, the City of Snoqualmie and Madrona Law Group, PLLC (Madrona) entered into an agreement for Interim City Attorney and Legal Services on May 11, 2023 with the not to exceed compensation amount of the agreement of \$50,000. This agreement with Madrona provided for an Interim City Attorney and legal services; and

WHEREAS, the first amendment to the agreement was entered on June, 26 2023. This amendment increased the not to exceed compensation amount of the agreement to \$295,865; and

WHEREAS, the second amendment to the agreement was entered on October 28, 2024. This amendment increased the not to exceed compensation amount to \$508,194; and

WHEREAS, on December 8, 2025, the City entered into a third amendment to the agreement with a not to exceed compensation amount of \$590,000; and

WHEREAS, there are several legal matters facing the City that Madrona will continue to provide legal advice on; and

WHEREAS, legal needs are high paced in nature, requiring assistance from outside counsel at times on an urgent basis to protect the City and mitigate risk; and

WHEREAS, on staff attorney positions at the City have been reduced since the 2022-23 Biennial Budget Ordinance 1267. Previously, the City had two full time equivalent on staff attorneys, but that has been reduced to one full time equivalent on staff attorney; and,

WHEREAS, the Legal Assistant-Deputy City Clerk is temporarily serving as Interim City Clerk, resulting in legal matters being removed from his regular workload and requiring additional outside legal support on city issues and operations; and,

WHEREAS, the City anticipates requiring assistance in specialized areas of law, particularly land use, in the near future; and,

WHEREAS, the City intends to enter into a fourth amendment to the agreement with Madrona for legal services. This agreement will allow for Madrona to continue to provide legal services for the City on an as needed basis; and,

WHEREAS, the fourth amendment to the agreement with Madrona increases the not to exceed amount to \$665,000.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Snoqualmie as follows:

SECTION 1. New Service Agreement. The Mayor is authorized to sign the fourth amendment to the agreement with Madrona.

SECTION 2. Effective Date. This resolution shall be effective immediately upon the adoption of this Resolution.

SECTION 3. Corrections by the City Clerk. Upon approval of the City Attorney, the City Clerk is authorized to make necessary corrections to this resolution, including the correction of clerical errors; references to other local, state or federal laws, codes, rules, or regulations, or resolution numbering and section/subsection numbering.

PASSED by the City Council of the City of Snoqualmie, Washington, this ____ day of _____ 2026.

James Mayhew, Mayor

ATTEST:

Robert Thrall, Interim City Clerk