



**BUSINESS OF THE CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF SNOQUALMIE**

**AB25-004
January 13, 2025
Committee Report**

AGENDA BILL INFORMATION

TITLE:	AB25-004: Interlocal Agreement for Fire Garage Consortium	<input type="checkbox"/> Discussion Only
PROPOSED ACTION:	Move to approve the Interlocal Agreement for the Fire Garage Consortium and authorize the Mayor to sign	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Action Needed: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Motion <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinance <input type="checkbox"/> Resolution

REVIEW:	Department Director	Mike Bailey	12/16/2024
	Finance	Janna Walker	12/18/2024
	Legal	Dena Burke	12/18/2024
	City Administrator	Mike Chambless	Click or tap to enter a date.

DEPARTMENT:	Fire		
STAFF:	Mike Bailey, Fire Chief		
COMMITTEE:	Public Safety	COMMITTEE DATE: January 6, 2025	
EXHIBITS:	1. Current Fire Garage Consortium ILA (redlined) 2. Fire Garage Consortium ILA (clean copy)		

AMOUNT OF EXPENDITURE	\$ n/a
AMOUNT BUDGETED	\$ n/a
APPROPRIATION REQUESTED	\$ n/a

SUMMARY

INTRODUCTION

The Snoqualmie Fire Department participates in the Fire Garage Consortium. The Consortium is governed by an Interlocal Agreement (ILA) signed by all participating agencies. The ILA has been updated and revised in 2024, and all participating members are asked to approve the new ILA in order to continue as a member of the Consortium.

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY

Previous ILA was signed by Snoqualmie in January 2020.

BACKGROUND

The Fire Garage is a consortium of partner agencies that are guided by an administrative board made up of the fire chiefs who participate in the program. Puget Sound Regional Fire Authority is the lead agency for the consortium, and employees assigned to the fire garage are Puget Sound Regional Fire Authority employees. The Fire Garage has serviced the fire engines and aid cars for the Snoqualmie Fire Department since 2020. The Fire Garage provides mobile as well as in shop service for the department vehicles by mechanics who are

emergency vehicle technicians (a special certification for the mechanics who work on emergency vehicles). The Fire Garage is a division of Puget Sound Fire Authority, which is accredited by the Commission on Fire Accreditation International, ensuring they meet the same standards as our fire department.

The administrative board of the Fire Garage is recommending administrative changes and updates to the current ILA. The changes serve to clarify the roles and responsibilities of the board and the Fire Garage Chief as well as the operation of the Fire Garage. The recommended changes are provided in exhibit 1 in red line form for clarity. The Snoqualmie Fire Chief is a member of the administrative board and supports and recommends the identified updates.

ANALYSIS

The Fire Garage has provided excellent service the fire department since they joined in 2020. The mechanics are well trained to provide emergency vehicle repair and service, and the administrative board has provided adequate oversight and direction for the garage. As part of an accredited agency, the Fire Garage has shown that they are committed to excellence and improvement and are dedicated to metric and data driven evaluation and growth.

At this time there is no other local alternative to the Fire Garage Consortium that makes sense financially or practically for the fire department.

The recommendation is to sign the updated ILA and to continue as a member of the Fire Garage Consortium.

BUDGET IMPACTS

Administration recommends approving the ILA with the Fire Garage Consortium. The ILA revisions do not appear to change the parameters and methodology for determining the amount the City expects to pay. These expenditures are budgeted for and paid within the Equipment Repair & Replacement Fund (#501).

NEXT STEPS

Approve AB25-134 Fire Garage Consortium ILA and forward to the Fire Garage for implementation.

PROPOSED ACTION

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