

RESOLUTION NO. 1735

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF SNOQUALMIE, WASHINGTON, AUTHORIZING THE SIGNING OF AN AGREEMENT FOR LEGAL SERVICES WITH MADRONA LAW GROUP PLLC

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 of the agreement to \$508,194; and,

WHEREAS, in 2025 there were several high-profile and fast paced legal issues and lawsuits the City was involved in; and,

WHEREAS, Madrona provided legal support as the City navigated complex and emergent legal issues, and the contracted amount has been exceeded and must be reconciled; and

WHEREAS, Madrona still provides legal services to the City. The scope of the services has changed since the agreement was first entered. The City no longer requires Madrona to provide Interim City Attorney services, but Madrona continues to play a pivotal role, advising on an array of legal matters for the City; and,

WHEREAS, legal needs are difficult to predict and 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, the City anticipates requiring assistance in specialized areas of law, particularly land use; and,

WHEREAS, the City now looks to enter into a new 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 new agreement with Madrona has a not to exceed amount of \$150,000 and expires on December 31, 2026, which will cover and reconcile the prior contract overage and provide additional allocation for 2026.

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 new agreement for legal services with Madrona attached as Exhibit A.

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

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 24th day of November 2025.

Katherine Ross, Mayor

ATTEST:

Deana Dean, City Clerk