



MEMORANDUM

TO: Satpal Sidhu, County Executive and Members of Council

FROM: Bennett Knox, Parks Director 

DATE: September 21, 2022

RE: **Fire Protection Services Agreement – South Whatcom Fire Authority**

Enclosed for review please find the intergovernmental agreement with South Whatcom Fire Authority for fire protection services on park properties pursuant to RCW 52.30.020. This agreement has a 5 year term, starting in 2022.

Background and Purpose

This agreement with South Whatcom Fire Authority, which allows for payment of annual fire protection assessments in exchange for fire protection services for Parks properties and equipment within and adjacent to the boundaries of the fire district. Major park properties with improvements in the District include the Plantation Rifle Range, Samish Park, East Lake Samish, Ted Edwards Park, Lookout Mountain Park, and Stimpson Family Nature Reserve.

Funding Amount and Source

Parks pays the Fire District annually for these services an amount determined by applying the prevailing operational millage rate for the District per \$1000 of the assessed value of any improvements on Parks properties within the district. This expenditure is included in Parks general operating budget.

For reference, in 2022 Parks will pay South Whatcom Fire Authority a total of \$2,375.47. The 2022 Tax Levy rate is 1.4464378870. The 2022 assessed value of the improvements on the relevant properties is as follows:

Rifle Range:	\$ 795,695.11
Samish Park:	\$ 423,279.36
East Samish:	\$ 380,284.42
Ted Edwards Park:	\$ 8,564.06
Lookout Mountain Preserve:	\$ 22,977.55
Stimpson Family Preserve:	\$ 11,488.77
Total:	\$ 1,642,289.27 x .001 = 1,642.29 x 1.4464378870 = \$2,375.47

Changes from Prior Agreement

This agreement replaces WCC 201011013 which expired at the end of 2016. We are reestablishing the formal intergovernmental agreement and there are no changes from the prior agreement.

If you need anything further, you can reach me at x5855

Thank you!