




MEMORANDUM

TO: Satpal Sidhu, County Executive and Members of Council

FROM: Bennett Knox, Parks Director 

THROUGH: Shannon Batdorf, Administrative Supervisor

DATE: September 12, 2023

RE: **Fire Protection Services Agreement – Fire District No. 5**

Enclosed for review please find the intergovernmental agreement with Whatcom Fire District No. 5 for fire protection services on park properties pursuant to RCW 52.30.020. This agreement has a 5-year term, starting in 2023.

Background and Purpose

This agreement with Whatcom Fire No. 5, 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 Lighthouse Marine Park and Lily Point 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, the amount Parks will pay the District in 2023 is approximately \$283. The current tax levy rate is .6934575074. The assessed value of the improvements on the relevant properties is as follows:

Lily Point:	\$ 391,340
Lighthouse:	\$ 17,019
Total:	\$ 408,359 x .001 = 408.36 x .6934575074 = \$283.18

Changes from Prior Agreement

This agreement replaces WCC 201807002 which expired at the end of 2022. There are no changes in this new agreement.

If you need anything further, you can reach me at x5856

Thank you!