

RESOLUTION NO. 644

A Resolution of the Kalama City Council Supporting a Passage of an Ordinance and the Adoption of a Charter by the Cowlitz County Board of Commissioners Re-establishing the Cowlitz County Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) as an Independent Public Authority

WHEREAS, since 1991 certain governmental entities situated in Cowlitz County have been parties to an interlocal agreement establishing a 911 Council to represent them in the oversight of the Cowlitz County Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) and providing for the joint and cooperative operation of said PSAP, which provides 9-1-1 emergency and non-emergency communications and dispatch services to citizens and emergency services responders within the parties' respective jurisdictions; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Kalama, is represented on the 911 Council; and

WHEREAS, in order to evaluate whether a modified or different governance structure would better serve the parties, the 911 Council hired a consulting company to assist with the evaluation of available options for the PSAP's future governance structure; and,

WHEREAS, a series of meetings were held, during which representatives of the parties and members of the 911 Council carefully considered and evaluated options for the PSAP's governance structure; and,

WHEREAS, after thoughtful deliberation, the 911 Council recommended that the PSAP providing county-wide operation of emergency and non-emergency communications and dispatch services to citizens and emergency services responders within the parties' respective jurisdictions be re-established as an independent Public Authority as allowed by RCW 35.21.730 through RCW 35.21.759, and;

WHEREAS, re-establishing Cowlitz County's PSAP as an independent Public Authority requires the creation of said Public Authority through the passage of an ordinance modifying the Cowlitz County Code and the adoption of an initial charter for the Public Authority by the Board of Cowlitz County Commissioners; and,

WHEREAS, the 911 Council developed and has proposed the language in the attached ordinance and charter for consideration by the Board of Cowlitz County Commissioners; said language being intended to transfer all existing Cowlitz County PSAP assets and liabilities to a new Public Authority known as "Cowlitz 911", and to transfer all administrative functions heretofore performed by Cowlitz County to Cowlitz 911;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

1. The City of Kalama concurs with the recommendation of the 911 Council and hereby requests the Board of Cowlitz County Commissioners enact the content of the proposed ordinance revising the Cowlitz County Code in order to establish Cowlitz 911 as a Public Authority, and to further adopt the content of the proposed initial charter for Cowlitz 911.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED THIS 21st day of February, 2018.

By: _____
Title: Mayor _____

ATTEST:

Title: Clerk/Treasurer

Approved as to form

City Attorney