

RESOLUTION NO. 1231

A RESOLUTION authorizing the Mayor to work with the City of Washougal to establish a planning committee for a regional fire protection service authority.

WHEREAS, Washougal and Camas are currently cooperating in a trial consolidation of fire services; and

WHEREAS, Washougal currently receives EMS services provided by Camas, pursuant to an interlocal agreement; and

WHEREAS, Washougal and Camas are mutually interested in determining the best option for providing the most effective and efficient delivery of fire and EMS services to the community; and

WHEREAS, to explore fully which service delivery option is best for the community, all available options should be evaluated; and

WHEREAS, the State Legislature has provided for the establishment of Regional Fire Authorities (RFA) as an option for service delivery; and

WHEREAS, to explore fully the option of an RFA, Washougal and Camas must follow the statutory provisions regarding the formation of an RFA, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to state law, the establishment of a regional fire protection service authority commences with formation of a planning committee to consider matters identified in RCW 52.26.040 and other related matters, ultimately culminating in preparation of a regional fire protection service authority plan to potentially be submitted to the voters; and

WHEREAS, Washougal and Camas have utilized an ad hoc committee, consisting of the mayors and two council members from each city to evaluate policy issues related to the trial consolidation; and

WHEREAS, the establishment of a planning committee and the development of a regional fire protection service authority plan does not commit the city to any specific action with respect to forming an RFA;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CAMAS AS FOLLOWS:

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The Mayor or designee is hereby authorized to take such steps as are appropriate for the development of a plan for a regional fire protection service authority including, but not limited to, the Cities of Camas and Washougal, including identification and creation of a planning committee to address the statutory prerequisites for the regional fire protection service authority, and that the Planning Committee is further charged with evaluating other relevant options.

II

The Mayor is authorized to implement such administrative procedures as may be necessary to carry out the directives of this resolution.

III

Pursuant to RCW 52.26.030(2), the City Council shall appoint three elected officials to the regional fire protection service authority planning committee.

ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Council of the City of Camas this 21 day of February, 2012.

SIGNED: _____


Mayor

ATTEST: _____


Clerk

APPROVED as to form:



City Attorney