



Memorandum

Date: 8/3/2026

Meeting of: Committee of the Whole - Planning and Public Works

File No. CM 26-479

Type: Committee Memo

TO: Committee of the Whole - Planning and Public Works

FROM: Mayor Angela Birney

DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR CONTACT(S):

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DEPARTMENT STAFF:

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TITLE:

Interlocal Agreement Governing Inspections in King County Fire District 34

OVERVIEW STATEMENT:

Requesting council approval to renew an existing 10-year interlocal agreement allowing Redmond Fire to conduct inspections and issue fire code operational permits within the boundaries of King County Fire District 34.

☒ **Additional Background Information/Description of Proposal Attached**

REQUESTED ACTION:

☐ **Receive Information**

☒ **Provide Direction**

☐ **Approve**

REQUEST RATIONALE:

- **Relevant Plans/Policies:**
Community Risk Assessment & Standards of Cover (2022-2027)
- **Required:**
N/A
- **Council Request:**
N/A
- **Other Key Facts:**
N/A

OUTCOMES:

This interlocal agreement transfers the authority to conduct annual inspections for code compliance and preplanning within the jurisdictional boundaries of King County Fire District 34. This is the first renewal of an existing 10-year ILA.

Inspections within the Fire District reduce the risk to responders and businesses, increase safety and are in line with the Department's Standards of Cover.

COMMUNITY/STAKEHOLDER OUTREACH AND INVOLVEMENT:

- **Timeline (previous or planned):**
N/A
- **Outreach Methods and Results:**
N/A
- **Feedback Summary:**
N/A

BUDGET IMPACT:

Total Cost:

No cost to current budget; costs are recovered within the existing service contract with King County 34.

Approved in current biennial budget: ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

Budget Offer Number:

0000283

Budget Priority:

Safe and Resilient

Other budget impacts or additional costs: ☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ N/A

If yes, explain:

N/A

Funding source(s):

Existing Fire District 34 service contract

Budget/Funding Constraints:

N/A

☐ Additional budget details attached

COUNCIL REVIEW:

Previous Contact(s)

Date	Meeting	Requested Action
N/A	Item has not been presented to Council	N/A

Proposed Upcoming Contact(s)

Date	Meeting	Requested Action
9/1/2026	Business Meeting	Approve

Time Constraints:

Current ILA expires on October 27, 2026, failure to complete the renewal prior to this day will cause a delay in scheduled inspections until the effective date of the successor agreement.

ANTICIPATED RESULT IF NOT APPROVED:

If the proposed interlocal agreement is not approved, the authority for Redmond Fire to conduct inspections will revert to the King County Fire Marshals office. Historically, the number and frequency of annual inspections completed by the County has been less than completed by Redmond Fire. The inability to inspect for code compliance and pre-planning will decrease the knowledge level of existing buildings and hazards in Fire District 34.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment A: King County Fire Inspection ILA 2026-2036

Attachment B: Summary of Changes - King County ILA for Inspections