



## RESOLUTION NO. 39712

1 BY REQUEST OF COUNCIL MEMBER LONERGAN

2 A RESOLUTION relating to radio communications; authorizing the execution of a  
3 Memorandum of Understanding with South Sound 911 for emergency radio  
4 system access fees charged to regional public safety agencies, through  
5 December 31, 2017.

6 WHEREAS the City owns and operates a 800 MHz public safety radio  
7 communications network in support of critical services provided by the Tacoma  
8 Police, Tacoma Fire, Public Works, and Environmental Services Departments, and

9 WHEREAS, in 2003, to further regional interoperability for public safety  
10 providers, the City extended access to its emergency radio communications  
11 system to other local law enforcement agencies, fire companies, and other first-  
12 responders throughout the Tacoma-Lakewood-Puyallup metropolitan area, and

13 WHEREAS there are now 27 external agencies, or approximately 1,700  
14 external radio subscribers, to the City's emergency communications system, and

15 WHEREAS, in January 2016, the City Council approved Resolution  
16 No. 39374, authorizing the execution of a Memorandum of Understanding between  
17 the City, South Sound 911 ("SS911"), and Pierce County to cap monthly fees at  
18 \$30 per month for SS911 customer agencies, and to reimburse the City in the  
19 one-time reimbursement of \$445,859 to offset lost revenue in 2016, and

20 WHEREAS the City's radio system operating costs and customer base have  
21 grown commensurately from 2016 to 2017, and

22 WHEREAS, under the terms of the proposed Memorandum of  
23 Understanding ("MOU"), the City will agree to a 2017 fee cap of \$31.50 per month,  
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per radio, for all SS911 City of Tacoma customer agencies, and SS911 will reimbursement the City a total of \$413,702, and

WHEREAS the MOU will be effective through December 31, 2017, and will only apply to SS911 City of Tacoma customer agencies, and

WHEREAS the City will continue to support efforts to achieve radio system interoperability enhancements with Pierce County while the parties collaborate towards a long-term solution; Now, Therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TACOMA:

That the proper officers of the City are hereby authorized to execute a Memorandum of Understanding with South Sound 911 for emergency radio system access fees charged to regional public safety agencies, through December 31, 2017, said document to be substantially in the form of the proposed memorandum on file in the office of the City Clerk.

Adopted \_\_\_\_\_

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Mayor

Attest:

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City Clerk

Approved as to form:

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Chief Deputy City Attorney