

Memorandum of Understanding
Radio System Access Fees for 2017

This Memorandum of Understanding (“MOU”) is entered into between South Sound 911 (“SS911”), and the City of Tacoma (“Tacoma”), collectively the “Parties”, to address public safety radio system access fees and policy development strategy from January 1 through December 31, 2017.

Whereas, Tacoma is the owner of the Tacoma 800 MHz 830D/03AC radio system and assesses fees for system use based on its operating costs; and

Whereas, SS911 has invested over \$60 million into the new interoperable radio systems owned and operated by Tacoma, Puyallup, and CCN, and contributed \$2.3 million in 2016 as an interim plan to offset operating costs and to provide both system access fees stability and affordability for SS911 member and non-member agencies; and

Whereas, the SS911 Policy Board and Operations Board jointly approved the “Ten-Point Plan”, which outlines a partnership with the Parties on radio cost-sharing and the development of SS911’s strategic plan; and

Whereas, the SS911 Policy Board and Operations Board has authorized in its 2017 budget a one-time distribution of \$1 million for the purpose of partially offsetting fees in 2017; and

Whereas, Tacoma presented its detailed 2017 system operating costs and fees to the SS911 Operations Board on October 14, 2016 and the SS911 Operations Board unanimously accepted the budget presentation; and

Now, therefore, the Parties agree as follows:

- 1) Tacoma will bill SS911 member and non-member agencies at the agreed upon rate of \$31.50 per month per radio for the period from January 1 through December 31, 2017.
- 2) Tacoma will bill each SS911 member and non-member agency directly for respective radio service fees, and will reflect the SS911 fees offset on invoices.
- 3) SS911 will ensure that the agreed upon rate of \$31.50 per month per radio applies to all of its member and non-member agencies.
- 4) On or near the first day of each quarter in 2017, SS911 will pay Tacoma one-fourth of the annual amount of \$413,702 to offset its net annual operating costs of \$1,675,344.

- 5) The Parties will collaborate in the development of SS911’s long-term public safety radio system strategic plan. The strategic plan shall:
- Identify, define and recommend future roles and responsibilities for ongoing radio system operations and support, as well as necessary capabilities to fulfill such roles and responsibilities,
 - Recommend an equitable radio system infrastructure replacement policy, and
 - Establish equitable cost sharing policies for ongoing radio system communication services.

The Parties further agree to collaborate to develop an agreement between the City, CCN and SS911 for the purpose of making Tacoma’s 800 MHz system available for automatic roaming with the CCN 700 MHz system through collaborative efforts to engineer, implement, and support the P25 Inter-RF Subsystem Interface (ISSI) to achieve SS911’s radio system interoperability goals. It is the intent of the Parties that this agreement will provide for the funding of the costs associated with implementation of ISSI, including the reprogramming of radios on either the 700 MHz or 800 MHz system that will benefit from automatic roaming. Project funding will require prior approval from the SS911 Policy Board.

- 6) The effective date of this agreement shall be January 1, 2017 (the “Effective Date”). The Parties agree that this agreement shall be effective as of the Effective Date with the same force and effect as if it was fully approved and executed on or before the Effective date.

CITY OF TACOMA:

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 Elizabeth Pauli
 Interim City Manager

 Andrew E. Neiditz
 Executive Director

Date: _____

Date: _____

Approved:

Approved as to form:

 Jack Kelanic
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 Legal Advisor

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 Finance Director

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 Manager Finance

Approved as to form:

Chief Deputy City Attorney

Attested:

Doris Sorum
City Clerk