

**CITY OF KENMORE  
WASHINGTON  
RESOLUTION NO. 21-362**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF KENMORE, WASHINGTON, EXPRESSING  
OPPOSITION TO KING COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION  
DISTRICT NO. 16 PROPOSITION NO. 1 MERGER OF  
NORTHSHORE FIRE DEPARTMENT INTO  
WOODINVILLE FIRE & RESCUE**

WHEREAS, for a number of years, the Northshore Fire Department and Woodinville Fire & Rescue publicly discussed merging services; and

WHEREAS, the official ballot measure title for the proposed merger is “King County Fire Proposition District No. 16 Proposition No. 1 Merger of Northshore Fire Department into Woodinville Fire & Rescue” (“Proposition 1”), and Proposition 1 is scheduled to go to the voters at the King County Special Election on April 27, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 1 reads as follows: The Board of Fire Commissioners of Fire Protection District No. 16, King County, Washington, adopted a resolution concerning the merger of Fire Protection District No. 16 (Northshore Fire Department) into Woodinville Fire & Rescue. This proposition would merge King County Fire Protection District No. 16 (Northshore Fire Department) into Woodinville Fire & Rescue, creating one fire protection district to provide fire and emergency medical services for the areas currently served by the two districts; and

WHEREAS, a successful merger is contingent upon stakeholder input and support; and

WHEREAS, the City of Kenmore was notified that on March 16, 2021, that the Northshore Board of Commissioners passed a motion which reads as follows: “cease any and all efforts in moving forward with the merger consolidation with Woodinville Fire & Rescue until such time that we are working with the support and cooperation of Northshore Firefighters Local 2459”; and

WHEREAS, during the March 22, 2021 Regular Meeting, the City Council afforded members of the public and council an approximately equal opportunity for expression of an opposing view on the ballot measure, pursuant to RCW 42.17A.555(1); and

WHEREAS, during the public comment, opinions in support and in opposition to the ballot measure were expressed; and

WHEREAS, RCW 42.17A.555 authorizes the City Council to take action to express a collective decision, or to actually vote upon a motion, proposal, resolution, order, or ordinance, or to support or oppose a ballot proposition so long as (a) any required notice of the meeting includes the title and number of the ballot proposition, and (b) members of the council or members of the public are afforded an approximately equal opportunity for the expression of an opposing view; and

WHEREAS, the City Council approved a motion to oppose the Merger and authorized the Mayor to execute this resolution;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KENMORE, WASHINGTON, DOES RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The Kenmore City Council adopts this resolution to express its official position in opposition to King County Fire Protection District No. 16 Proposition No. 1 Merger of Northshore Fire Department into Woodinville Fire & Rescue.

ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Kenmore, Washington, this 22nd day of March 2021.

CITY OF KENMORE



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David Baker, Mayor

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATED:



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Anastasiya Warhol (Mar 25, 2021 17:35 PDT)

Anastasiya Warhol, City Clerk

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