

SECTION 2	DEFINITIONS
<i>Revision</i>	The DEFINITIONS section of the RFA Plan is subject to amendment by a majority vote of the RFA Governance Board.
<i>Adopted</i>	
<i>Revised</i>	

A. DEFINITIONS

1. The definitions in this section apply throughout this **RFA Plan**, unless the context clearly requires otherwise.
 - 1.1. "**Board**", "**Governance Board**" or "**Governing Board**" means the Governance body of a regional fire protection service authority.
 - 1.2. "**City**" means the City of Bellingham.
 - 1.3. "**District**" means Whatcom County Fire Protection District No. 8.
 - 1.4. "**Effective Date**" means October 1 immediately following the approval of the RFA Plan by voters of the Participating Jurisdictions.
 - 1.5. "**Fire Benefit Charge**" is a service charge determined by the required fire-flow and personnel and equipment costs associated with fighting a fire in a particular type and size of structure. The initial calculation method and formula is described in Appendix B of this plan.
 - 1.6. "**Interlocal Agreement**" means the interlocal service agreement between the RFA and the City of Bellingham in provisioning of certain administrative and support services per the adopted Plan.
 - 1.7. "**Participating Jurisdictions**" means the City of Bellingham and Whatcom County Fire District 8.
 - 1.8. "**RCW**" means Revised Code of Washington.
 - 1.9. "**Regional Fire Protection Service Authority**" or "**Regional Fire Authority**" or "**RFA**" means a regional fire protection service authority formed pursuant to chapter 52.26 RCW. An RFA is a municipal corporation, an independent taxing authority within the meaning of Article VII, Section 1 of the state Constitution, and a taxing district within the meaning of Article VII, Section 2 of the state Constitution.

- 1.10. "Regional Fire Authority Planning Committee" or "Planning Committee"** means the committee created under RCW 52.26.030 to create and propose to the City of Bellingham and Whatcom County Fire District 8 the Regional Fire Authority Plan.
- 1.11. "Regional Fire Authority Plan," "RFA Plan" or "Plan"** means this Regional Fire Protection Service Authority Plan, drafted and approved in accordance with chapter 52.26 RCW for the development, financing and operation of the Renton Regional Fire Authority.
- 1.12. "Bellingham Regional Fire Authority" or "BRFA"** means the Regional Fire Protection Service Authority defined in this plan whose boundaries are coextensive with the City of Bellingham and Whatcom County Fire District 8.

RFA SECTION 2 PLAN REVISION DISPOSITION:

The **DEFINITIONS** section of the **RFA Plan** is subject to amendment or revision only by a majority vote of the RFA Governance Board