

<b>SECTION 5</b>	<b>GOVERNANCE</b>
<i>Revision</i>	The <b>GOVERNANCE</b> section of the <b>RFA Plan</b> is subject to amendment or revision only by a majority vote of the RFA Governance Board.
<i>Adopted</i>	
<i>Revised</i>	

**A. GOVERNING BOARD STRUCTURE AND OPERATION.**

**1. Governing Board.** As provided by RCW 52. 26.080, the RFA Governing Board shall be established consistent with the terms of this Section and shall have authority as of the Effective Date.

**2. Transition Board.** Upon the Effective Date, the Governing Board shall include five (5) voting members consisting of two (2) seated, elected Commissioners from Fire District 8 and three (3) seated, elected officials from the City to be appointed by the City Council to serve as the “Transition Board” for the following “Transitional Terms”:

- a. **Position 1.** This position will be filled by the District Commissioner serving in Position No. 3 will expire on December 31, 2021.
- b. **Position 2.** This position will be filled by one elected official from the City and will expire on December 31, 2021.
- c. **Position 3.** This position will be filled by the District Commissioner serving in Position No. 4 or 5 and will expire on December 31, 2023.
- d. **Position 4.** This position will be filled by one elected official from the City and will expire on December 31, 2023.
- e. **Position 5.** This position will be filled by one elected official from the City and will expire on December 31, 2019.

**3. Permanent Governing Board and Commissioner Districts.** The Transition Board shall transition to a Governing Board consisting of five (5) elected commissioner positions as follows:

- a. **Position 1** shall be filled by a registered voter residing within **commissioner district number 1** and shall serve an Initial Term of six (6) years.
- b. **Position 2** shall be filled by a registered voter residing within **commissioner district number 2** and shall serve an Initial Term of six (6) years.
- c. **Position 3** shall be filled by a registered voter residing within **commissioner district number 3** and shall serve an Initial Term of six (6) years.

d. **Position 4** shall be filled by a registered voter residing within **commissioner district number 4** and shall serve an Initial Term of six (6) years.

e. **Position 5** shall be filled by a registered voter residing within **commissioner district number 5** and shall serve an Initial Term of six (6) years.

**3.1.** After the Initial Terms set forth above, all commissioner terms shall be six (6) year terms.

**3.2.** For all Commissioner Positions 1-5, the following conditions apply:

(i) Only a registered voter who resides in the applicable commissioner district may be a candidate for, or serve as, a commissioner of such commissioner district; and

(ii) Only voters of a commissioner district may vote at a primary election to nominate candidates for the RFA commissioner of such commissioner district; and

(iii) All voters of the RFA shall vote at a general election to elect a commissioner of the commissioner district.

(iv) Residency is established within the commissioner district after one year next preceding the election.

(v) No elected commissioner shall hold any other elected office or employment within the Regional Fire Authority.

**3.3.** The Transition Board shall establish the geographical boundaries of Commissioner Districts 1-5 no later than sixty (60) days prior to the filing period for the 2019 election. In determining the boundaries of such districts, the Transition Board shall be guided by the following principles:

(i) The population of each district shall be relatively equal; and

(ii) Commissioner districts shall be drawn in accordance with RCW 29A.76.

**4. Governing Rules.** The RFA Governing Board shall develop and adopt by-laws, governance policies and rules for the RFA Governing Board to conduct business in accordance with RCW 52.26.080.

**5. Authority.** The RFA Governing Board shall have all the power and authority granted governing boards under Washington State law, and shall include the power and authority to make any decisions appropriate for the RFA and for matters related to Title 52 RCW.

**6. Compensation of Governing Board.** Commissioners of the Governing Board will receive compensation in the same manner and under the same conditions as provided by law for commissioners of a fire protection district organized under Title 52 RCW.

**RFA SECTION 5 PLAN REVISION DISPOSITION:**

The **GOVERNANCE** section of the **Plan** may be amended by a majority vote of the RFA Governance Board.

