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**CITY OF FIRCREST
RESOLUTION NO. 1725**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
FIRCREST, WASHINGTON AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER
TO EXECUTE AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR
ESTABLISHMENT OF A REGIONAL COALITION KNOWN AS THE
SOUTH SOUND HOUSING AFFORDABILITY PARTNERS (SSHA³P).**

WHEREAS, in the fall of 2018, a roundtable discussion with local governments was convened to determine whether there were regional solutions to keep housing affordable, attainable, and accessible in Pierce County; and

WHEREAS, the actions taken by neighboring jurisdictions and governments impact one another, and at the same time, jurisdictions of various sizes have unique needs and varying levels of resources to address the complex issue of housing; and

WHEREAS, the “Mayors’ Roundtable on Affordability” (“Mayors’ Roundtable”), as it was originally called, conducted a series of meetings on local housing affordability data and needs, individual jurisdiction needs and housing types, needs of housing developers and what kinds of incentives are valued for spurring the creation of additional units, including affordable units, how other local governments have partnered to achieve results, what tools have been effective, what lessons have been learned, and how to continue collaborating to move the issue of housing affordability, attainability, and accessibility forward; and

WHEREAS, an interlocal agreement will establish the South Sound Housing Affordability Partners (SSHA³P), a regional coalition of governments in Pierce County created to address housing affordability, attainability, and accessibility regionally; and

WHEREAS, the parties of this agreement wish to provide a sound basis of housing policies and programs in Pierce County that align and complement the efforts of local governments, and that do not duplicate the work of existing public and private organizations; and

WHEREAS, the parties of this agreement recognize that housing affordability is a regional challenge that crosses jurisdictional boundaries. By working together, sharing information and pooling resources, government jurisdictions in Pierce County will have a greater impact on addressing housing affordability than working separately; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fircrest finds it is in the best interests of its residents to join the SSHA³P.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
FIRCREST:**

Section 1. The City Manager is hereby authorized and directed to execute an interlocal agreement, substantially in the same form as Exhibit A, attached hereto, and incorporated herein by reference, for the establishment of the South Sound Housing Affordability Partners (SSHA³P).

Section 2. Severability. If any portion of this resolution or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the resolution or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected.

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Section 3. Effective Date. This resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately after final passage.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIRCREST, WASHINGTON, at a regular meeting thereof this 28th day of September 2021.

APPROVED:


Hunter T. George, Mayor

ATTEST:


Jayne Westman, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Hillary J. Evans, City Attorney