

## **TOWN OF WOODWAY**

### **RESOLUTION 18-405**

#### **A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF WOODWAY SUPPORTING COUNTYWIDE PROPOSITION NO. 1**

WHEREAS, the Town of Woodway serves approximately 1,340 people by providing life-saving public safety services to our local community; and

WHEREAS, in order to be able to serve the public with this outstanding, life-saving service, our Town's law enforcement officers depend on having reliable and instant 9-1-1 communications in order to be able to quickly respond to the scene of an emergency; and

WHEREAS, SERS, the Snohomish County Emergency Radio System, despite its best efforts, has this year experienced a system failure and repeat breakdowns of its existing and outdated radio equipment. The countywide, two-decade old, analogue radio system reaches its end-of-life in 2020; and

WHEREAS, emergency 9-1-1 radio service has become increasingly problematic and unreliable for conducting our Town's essential 9-1-1 first response communications; and

WHEREAS, 16 other counties in our state have already taken action to fund updating their local 9-1-1 emergency communications equipment utilizing the only specific state authorized funding source specifically designated by law (RCW 82.14.420) to meet this emergency communications equipment funding needs; and

WHEREAS, as elected Town officials, we have joined other local municipal officials and public safety leaders who have urged voters be provided with an opportunity this year to decide on whether to approve a proposed funding measure to fund replacement of current countywide emergency radios with a new digital system; and

WHEREAS, we commend the members of the Snohomish County Council who on June 20 unanimously voted 5-0 to pass Ordinance No 18-037 to authorize a countywide vote at the upcoming November 6 general election on this proposed local sales tax increase of one-tenth of one percent (0.10%) for this emergency communications purpose; and

WHEREAS, this proposed small and dedicated county sales tax increase is intended only to fund local emergency 9-1-1 communications equipment and infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, as proposed Proposition No. 1 on the general election ballot would avoid adding to local property tax burdens;

