

**CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM**  
CITY OF SHORELINE, WASHINGTON

<b>AGENDA TITLE:</b> Regional Association Dues Resolution
<b>DEPARTMENT:</b> City Manager's Office
<b>PRESENTED BY:</b> Scott MacColl, Intergovernmental Relations Manager

**PROBLEM/ISSUE STATEMENT:**

Shoreline pays dues to a number of professional and advocacy associations each year. While those dues have not increased significantly in the past year, they also have not decreased. Shoreline and other cities regionally are struggling to provide basic services while not keeping up with increasing costs. Some associations funded by local governments demonstrated leadership by reducing their dues up to 15% to assist their membership.

This resolution encourages those associations that the city supports to work toward reducing budgets and membership dues and assessments for 2011 and future years. The resolution also directs staff and Shoreline elected officials to work with these associations as appropriate to achieve the cost reductions for the benefit of Shoreline tax payers.

At the request of Deputy Mayor Hall, I reviewed the dues Shoreline pays to regional organizations in historical context, noted the differences between organizations, and provided an update on continued membership in those organizations.

I reviewed the dues for the following external organization memberships: the Suburban Cities Association, the Shoreline Chamber of Commerce, the National League of Cities, the Association of Washington Cities, the Puget Sound Clean Air Agency, the Puget Sound Regional Council, the SeaShore Transportation Forum, and Water Resources Inventory Area 8 (WRIA 8).

The attached table (Attachment A) shows the annual dues from 2006 through 2011 budgeted for the agencies listed above. While there were some increases in dues that were fairly high as of 2009 (SCA dues increased 13.53%), the last two years dues increases have been almost zero, with the overall total actually decreasing in 2010, and static in 2011. The dues increases for the last couple of years reflect the CPI for the same time period, which has been slightly negative.

Most organizations are voluntary; however we are a mandated member of the Puget Sound Clean Air Agency (PSCAA) and are billed based on our population (\$0.56 per year per person). While the City is not mandated to belong to the Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC), we are a member through a signed interlocal agreement.

PSCAA and PSRC are governmental organizations that hold specific federal and state mandates. Representatives of local governments participate in WRIA 8, but the City does not directly provide funding. The WRIA 8 Council makes annual recommendations about how to use the King Conservation District grant funds (funded through county tax assessments on Shoreline residents). The remaining organizations are non-profits that we are a member solely through maintaining our dues.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends Council approval of the Resolution.

Approved By:      City Manager  City Attorney \_\_\_\_

### **ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment A: Dues Subscription History

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City of Shoreline  
Annual Dues for External Organizations

	2006	% Change	2007	% Change	2008	% Change	2009	% Change	2010	% Change	2011	% Change
Suburban Cities	\$23,475	n/a	\$25,663	9.32%	\$28,191	9.85%	\$32,005	13.53%	\$30,407	-4.99%	\$30,565	0.52%
Chamber of Commerce	\$540	n/a	\$540	0.00%	\$550	1.85%	\$550	0.00%	\$550	0.00%	\$550	0.00%
National League of Cities	\$3,971	n/a	\$4,130	4.00%	\$4,295	4.00%	\$4,467	4.00%	\$4,467	0.00%	\$4,500	0.74%
Association of Washington Cities	\$30,660	n/a	\$32,602	6.33%	\$34,513	5.86%	\$36,151	4.75%	\$36,151	0.00%	\$36,923	2.14%
Puget Sound Clean Air Agency	\$23,199	n/a	\$23,849	2.80%	\$26,049	9.22%	\$27,905	7.13%	\$28,254	1.25%	\$28,254	0.00%
Puget Sound Regional Council		n/a	\$17,864	n/a	\$18,127	1.47%	\$18,710	3.22%	\$18,909	1.06%	\$18,285	-3.30%
Seashore (King County)	\$500	n/a		n/a		n/a		n/a	\$200	n/a		n/a
WRIA 8*									\$141,735**			
Total from General Fund	\$82,345	n/a	\$104,648	27.08%	\$111,725	6.76%	\$119,788	7.22%	\$118,938	-0.71%	\$119,077	0.12%
CPI	208.2	4.20%	215.98	3.74%	228.07	5.60%	227.26	-0.36%	226.12	-0.50%		

\*WRIA 8 receiveds funds through the King Conservation District Assessment directly on homeowners and is not paid from the City's General Fund

\*\*These funds are not included in the Total From General Funds as they are not paid by the City

**RESOLUTION NO.**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF SHORELINE, WASHINGTON, REQUESTING THAT CITY DUES SUPPORTED REGIONAL AND STATEWIDE ASSOCIATIONS WORK TOWARD REDUCING THEIR BUDGETS AND MEMBERSHIP DUES FOR 2011 AND FUTURE YEARS.**

**WHEREAS**, Shoreline and cities across King County are facing significant loss of revenue; and

**WHEREAS**, Shoreline and cities are struggling to continue to provide services while not keeping up with increasing costs; and

**WHEREAS**, Shoreline and other cities have made significant budget cuts that affect needed services; and

**WHEREAS**, Shoreline is committed to finding additional efficiencies and cost savings; and

**WHEREAS**, city-supported associations add value both to the city and to the region and state; and

**WHEREAS**, some associations funded by local governments demonstrated leadership by cutting their dues by up to 15%; and

**WHEREAS**, city supported associations should also cut costs and pass along those savings to cities; **NOW THEREFORE**

**THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SHORELINE, WASHINGTON, HEREBY RESOLVES:**

Section 1. The Shoreline City Council encourages city-supported associations including the National League of Cities, the Association of Washington Cities, the Puget Sound Regional Council, the Puget Sound Clean Air Authority, and the Suburban Cities Association to work toward reducing budgets and membership dues and assessments for 2011 and future years.

Section 2. Shoreline Staff and elected officials shall work with these associations and their directors as appropriate to achieve these cost reductions for the benefit of Shoreline taxpayers.

**ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL ON \_\_\_\_\_.**

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Keith A. McGlashan, Mayor