



**RESOLUTION NO. 2013 - 09**

**ADOPTING A STATEMENT OF INTENT TO PARTICIPATE IN DISPUTE  
RESOLUTION PROCESSES PURSUANT TO COUNTYWIDE PLANNING  
POLICY JP-2**

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**WHEREAS**, the City of Lynnwood is a participating member of Snohomish County Tomorrow ("SCT"); and

**WHEREAS**, Snohomish County's Countywide Planning Policy JP-2 directed SCT to develop a process for mediation and/or alternative dispute resolution; and

**WHEREAS**, SCT has developed a dispute resolution process to aid in the prevention and resolution of inter-jurisdictional land use disputes through dialogue, facilitation and mediation; and

**WHEREAS**, the Lynnwood City Council supports efforts to reduce inter-jurisdictional conflicts among jurisdictions in Snohomish County; and

**WHEREAS**, the dispute resolution process developed by SCT includes a mediation pilot program, conflict resolution training, and establishment of inter-governmental affairs committees by each SCT member jurisdiction; and

**WHEREAS**, the dispute resolution process development by SCT recommends that inter-governmental affairs committees of adjacent jurisdictions meet regularly with an agenda that includes pending changes to land use and infrastructure plans, significant upcoming projects, and opportunities for coordination and cooperation; and

**WHEREAS**, SCT will fund 10 hours of mediation conducted by a professional mediator(s) in 2013 to mediate inter-jurisdictional land use disputes that may arise between SCT members that participate in the SCT dispute resolution pilot program; and

**WHEREAS**, parties participating in mediation strive to find common ground, but the parties are not required to agree and the mediator does not make decisions or rulings, and

**WHEREAS**, the Lynnwood City Council finds that it is in the public interest for the City of Lynnwood to participate in the dispute resolution process developed by SCT.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LYNNWOOD, WASHINGTON, RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

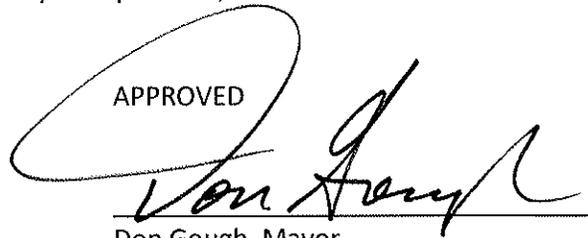
Section 1. The City of Lynnwood intends to participate in the SCT dispute resolution process that was developed to aid in the prevention and resolution of inter-jurisdictional land use disputes, including participation in the mediation pilot program, conflict resolution training, and intergovernmental affairs committees.

Section 2. For the purpose of participating in the mediation process described herein, a Lynnwood inter-governmental affairs committee shall be formed, consisting of the mayor, one or more members of the Council (but not a quorum), and the planning director.

Section 3. In the event a real or potential issue emerges between Lynnwood and one or more other participating agencies, the City of Lynnwood intends to participate in at least one mediation session funded by SCT.

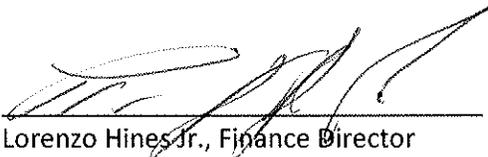
PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL the 23rd day of September, 2013.

APPROVED



Don Gough, Mayor

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATE:



Lorenzo Hines Jr., Finance Director

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