

**RESOLUTION NO. 608**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF WOODLAND TO PARTICIPATE IN DEVELOPMENT OF A DRAFT PLAN FOR THE FORMATION OF A REGIONAL FIRE AUTHORITY THAT WOULD INCLUDE THE CITY OF BATTLE GROUND, CLARK COUNTY FIRE AND RESCUE, CLARK COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT NO. 2 AND THE CITY OF WOODLAND.**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Woodland Participated in the Regional Fire Authority Formation Feasibility Study for Clark County, Washington in 2011. Strategy D of this study identified clear efficiencies and opportunities to improve service to the City of Woodland through formation of a Regional Fire Authority; and

**WHEREAS**, long term funding solutions and general sustainability of local emergency services continue to pose significant challenges for the City of Woodland. The study has indicated that formation of a Regional Fire Authority will improve the long term funding and sustainability of Emergency Services in Woodland; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Woodland must judiciously evaluate and consider various options for future service delivery to ensure the best possible service and best value for our citizens with the resources that are available; and

**WHEREAS**, formal participation in the development of this plan provides assurance that the interests of the City of Woodland will be clearly represented in the process to develop a draft plan for forming a Regional Fire Authority; and

**WHEREAS**, implementation of a formal plan drafted in this process would be reviewed and accepted or declined by the Woodland City Council in the future; and if accepted, the decision to implement the plan would be decided by the voters of the City of Woodland in accordance with the laws of the State of Washington.

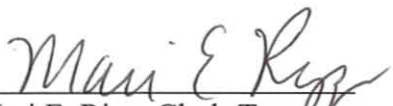
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Woodland City Council that the said Council hereby authorizes City Staff and Elected Officials of the City to actively participate with Clark County Fire and Rescue, the City of Battle Ground, and Clark County Fire District No. 2 in the development of a draft plan to Form a Regional Fire Authority.

ADOPTED in and Open Public Meeting of the Woodland City Council this 6<sup>th</sup> Day of February, 2012.

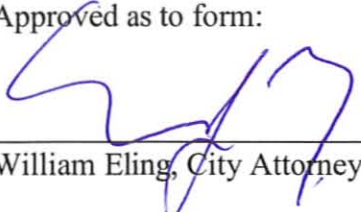
**CITY OF WOODLAND**

  
Grover B. Laseke, Mayor

Attest:

  
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Mari E. Ripp, Clerk-Treasurer

Approved as to form:

  
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William Eling, City Attorney