

SECTION 5	GOVERNANCE
<i>Revision</i>	The GOVERNANCE section of the RFA Plan is subject to amendment or revision only by a majority vote of the RFA Governance Board.
<i>Adopted</i>	
<i>Revised</i>	

A. GOVERNING BOARD STRUCTURE AND OPERATION.

1. Governing Board. As provided by RCW 52. 26.080, the RFA Governing Board shall be established consistent with the terms of this Section and shall have authority as of the Effective Date.

2. Transition Board. Upon the Effective Date, the Transition Board shall include five (5) voting members consisting of two (2) seated, elected Commissioners from Fire District 8 to be appointed by the F.D. 8 board, and three (3) seated, elected officials from the City to be appointed by the City Council to serve as the “Transition Board.”

- a. Position 1.** This position will be filled by a District Commissioner.
- b. Position 2.** This position will be filled by a District Commissioner.
- c. Position 3.** This position will be filled by one elected official from the City.
- d. Position 4.** This position will be filled by one elected official from the City.
- e. Position 5.** This position will be filled by one elected official from the City.

3. Permanent Governing Board and Commissioner Districts. The Transition Board shall transition to a Permanent Governing Board consisting of five (5) elected commissioner positions as follows:

- a. Position 1** shall be filled by a registered voter residing within **commissioner district number 1** and shall serve an Initial Term of six (6) years. The initial election for this position shall be at the 2019 general election.
- b. Position 2** shall be filled by a registered voter residing within **commissioner district number 2** and shall serve an Initial Term of six (6) years. The initial election for this position shall be at the 2021 general election.
- c. Position 3** shall be filled by a registered voter residing within **commissioner district number 3** and shall serve an Initial Term of six (6) years. The initial election for this position shall be at the 2019 general election.

d. Position 4 shall be filled by a registered voter residing within **commissioner district number 4** and shall serve an Initial Term of six (6) years. The initial election for this position shall be at the 2021 general election.

e. Position 5 shall be filled by a registered voter residing within **commissioner district number 5** and shall serve an Initial Term of two (2) years. The initial election for this position shall be at the 2021 general election.

3.1. With the exception of position 5, all initial terms shall be six (6) years. The initial term for position 5 shall be a two (2) year term for the sole purpose of staggering elections into the future. After the Initial Terms set forth above, all commissioner terms shall be six (6) year terms.

3.2. For all Commissioner Positions 1-5, the following conditions apply:

a. To be eligible to hold a commissioner position the person must be a registered voter who resides in the applicable commissioner district and a resident of such commissioner district for one year proceeding the general election for the position; and

b. Only registered voters of within a commissioner district may nominate, in the primary election, two candidates for the commissioner position of such district; and

c. All registered voters of the RFA shall be eligible to vote at a general election to elect a commissioner of the commissioner district; and

d. No elected commissioner shall hold any other public office that would be incompatible with the office of fire commissioner, while serving as a fire commissioner; and

e. No elected commissioner shall hold any other employment with the Regional Fire Authority.

3.3. On the Effective Date, the commissioner boundaries of the RFA shall be the boundaries depicted on the map attached hereto and marked as **Appendix B** of this RFA Plan.

In determining the boundaries of such districts, the planning committee was guided by the following principles:

a. The population of each district shall be relatively equal; and

b. Commissioner districts shall be drawn in accordance with RCW 29A.76.

4. Governing Rules. The RFA Governing Board shall develop and adopt by-laws, governance policies and rules for the RFA Governing Board to conduct business in accordance with RCW 52.26.080.

5. Authority. The RFA Governing Board shall have all the power and authority granted governing boards under Washington State law, and shall include the power and authority to make any decisions appropriate for the RFA and for matters related to Title 52 RCW.

6. Compensation of Governing Board. Commissioners of the Governing Board will receive compensation in the same manner and under the same conditions as provided by law for commissioners of a fire protection district organized under Title 52 RCW.

RFA SECTION 5 PLAN REVISION DISPOSITION:

The **GOVERNANCE** section of the **Plan** may be amended by a majority vote of the RFA Governance Board.

