

**CITY COUNCIL AGENDA TOPIC**

Resolution authorizing execution of Interlocal Agreements between City of Bellevue and other cities and counties for law enforcement mutual aid for the Snowflake Lane special event.

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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY****ACTION**

This Resolution authorizes Interlocal Agreements in substantially the same form between the City of Bellevue and other cities and counties for law enforcement mutual aid for the Snowflake Lane special event. The City's Special Event's permit conditions require a dedicated law enforcement presence at Snowflake Lane. The Bellevue Police Department has requested additional law enforcement resources from local police agencies to assist in providing a sufficient law enforcement presence in the City of Bellevue during the duration of the Special Event.

**RECOMMENDATION**

Move to adopt Resolution No. 10435

**BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS**

Snowflake Lane is a holiday themed parade that has been issued a City of Bellevue special event permit due to its impact on City right-of-ways and need for city support services such as police, traffic, and fire. This year, the special event runs nightly from November 29 through December 24. The Police Department has traditionally staffed Snowflake Lane with City of Bellevue officers. However, this year, the Police Department has requested additional law enforcement resources from local police agencies to assist in providing a sufficient law enforcement presence during the special event.

This is the 20<sup>th</sup> year of Snowflake Lane and the Department has seen an increase in the number of spectators over the years: an estimated 10,000 plus per night, and expected to be significantly more on weekend performances. This year, due to the large crowd sizes expected on Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights, the Department is increasing the special event presence to 31 police officers for those nights. The increase is necessary to help ensure a safe and secure event. Due to the increase, the Department may need assistance from outside police agencies to fully staff the event. The Renton PD, Redmond PD, Clyde Hill PD and Medina PD have committed to assist in providing mutual aid to the Bellevue Police Department, if additional staffing is needed and if those cities' resources are available those evenings. The Department is requesting authorization to also enter into the same Interlocal Agreement that are substantially in the same form as the template in the attachment with other cities within King County if it becomes necessary to find additional resources.

Per the City's special event permit conditions, the event's sponsor is responsible to pay the cost for all police officers assigned to the Special Event, this will include the cost of outside law enforcement agencies the City of Bellevue may call upon to provide police services for the event. These Interlocal

Agreements for law enforcement mutual aid will automatically renew each year in the event additional police officer presence is needed in future years.

## **POLICY & FISCAL IMPACTS**

### **Policy Impact**

City Special Event permit conditions require a dedicated law enforcement presence at special events. These Interlocal Agreements will allow the Bellevue Police Department to call for law enforcement mutual aid from other local law enforcement agencies to assist in providing presence at the special event.

### **Fiscal Impact**

There is no fiscal impact associated with this Interlocal Agreement. A condition of the City of Bellevue Special Event Permit requires the Special Event sponsor to pay the cost for all police officers assigned to the Special Event. All police officer costs will be directly billed to the Snowflake Lane event sponsor, Kemper Development Company.

## **OPTIONS**

1. Adopt the Resolution authorizing execution of Interlocal Agreements between City of Bellevue and other cities and counties for law enforcement mutual aid for the Snowflake Lane special event.
2. Do not adopt the Resolution and provide alternative direction to staff.

## **ATTACHMENTS**

- A. Proposed Interlocal Agreement template for Law Enforcement Mutual Aid for Snowflake Lane  
Proposed Resolution No. 10435

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N/A