

Pend Oreille County
OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF



Alan Botzheim, Sheriff

Grant Sirevog, Undersheriff

November 7, 2017

Mayor Shirley Sands
200 S. Washington Avenue
Newport, WA 99156

RE: Interlocal Governmental Law Enforcement Services Contract

Dear Mayor Sands,

We would like to thank you, Council members Keith Campbell, Mark Zorica, Clerk Nickole North and City Attorney Tom Metzger for meeting with us yesterday to discuss the possibility of entering into another Law Enforcement Contract. As promised, after yesterday's discussion we met again today to review the City's proposal, the County's costs to provide service, and current staffing levels.

After a thoughtful and thorough review of all aspects of the current circumstance, we stand in agreement that the City's proposed contractual figures do not meet the direct costs, let alone the indirect costs of the County to provide service to the City. Note: the City's proposed contract fee essentially remains the same as it is currently and again fails to address the County's ever-growing costs to provide said service. Additionally, the City's silence at Sheriff Botzheim's repeated requests, since last year for a meeting to discuss the contract, which would be ending this year, has left him unprepared for the staffing requirements that would be essential to provide effective Law Enforcement Services to the City.

Therefore, unfortunately at this time we are unable to enter into a Law Enforcement Contract with the City. We appreciate the successful partnership we have shared over the past twelve years and we stand committed to working together with the City and its new Police Department to provide the best possible Public Safety Service to all of our citizens.

Sincerely,


Sheriff Alan Botzheim


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Co-Chair Steve Kiss


Member Mike Manus

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