

INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR COOPERATIVE ODOR COMPLAINT INVESTIGATIONS

City of Kenmore Contract No. 14-C1261 (Amendment #4)

THIS INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR COOPERATIVE ODOR COMPLAINT INVESTIGATIONS is made and entered into on this 14th day of June, 2022, by and between the City of Kenmore [hereinafter “Kenmore”], a municipal corporation, and the Puget Sound Clean Air Agency [hereinafter “PSCAA”], a multicounty public agency.

RECITALS:

A. The PSCAA is a multicounty air pollution control agency organized and activated in accordance with Chapter 70.94 RCW. Kenmore is located within the boundaries and the jurisdiction of the PSCAA.

B. The purpose and the public policy of the PSCAA is to secure and maintain such levels of air quality as will protect human health and safety, to prevent injury to plant and animal life and property, and to foster the comfort and convenience of the area’s inhabitants.

C. Pursuant to the authority of RCW 70.94.141, the PSCAA has previously adopted Regulation 1 to control the emission of air contaminants from all sources within the agency’s jurisdiction, to provide for the uniform administration and enforcement of said Regulation, and to carry out the requirements and purposes of the Washington Clean Air Act and the Federal Clean Air Act.

D. Section 9.11 of said Regulation 1 states, in part, as follows:

(b) With respect to odor, the Agency may take enforcement action under this section if the Control Officer or a duly authorized representative has documented all of the following:

(1) The detection by the Control Officer or a duly authorized representative of an odor at a level 2 or greater, according to the following odor scale:

level 0 - no odor detected;

level 1 - odor barely detected;

level 2 - odor is distinct and definite, any unpleasant characteristics recognizable;

level 3 - odor is objectionable enough or strong enough to cause attempts at avoidance; and

level 4 - odor is so strong that a person does not want to remain present.

- (2) An affidavit from a person making a complaint that demonstrates that they have experienced air contaminant emissions in sufficient quantities and of such characteristics and duration so as to unreasonably interfere with their enjoyment of life and property; and
- (3) The source of the odor.

E. Kenmore and the PSCAA have determined that their mutual goal of ensuring clean air for Kenmore's citizens would be more efficiently attained if some of the odor complaint investigations described in Regulation 1, Section 9.11 (b) could be conducted by Kenmore within its jurisdiction, on behalf of the PSCAA.

F. Kenmore and the PSCAA are desirous of entering into an agreement to memorialize the terms and conditions under which Kenmore may conduct said odor complaint investigations on behalf of the PSCAA. In compliance with and under the authority of Chapter 39.34, RCW, the purpose of this Agreement is to specify said terms and conditions.

G. Given that (1) promoting and enforcing air quality is the primary responsibility of the PSCAA and not of Kenmore, (2) Kenmore is not mandated by State Law to investigate or enforce air quality complaints on behalf of the PSCAA, (3) Kenmore has limited resources, and (4) the full impact and workload requirement for Kenmore to handle air quality complaint investigations is unknown, this Agreement should be considered a temporary trial arrangement with a fixed end date and with the right of Kenmore or the PSCAA to terminate this Agreement at any time within the parameters set forth below.

Now, therefore, in consideration of the mutual promises made herein, it is hereby agreed as follows by the parties:

1. Odor Complaint Investigations. The PSCAA hereby authorizes Kenmore, on a non-exclusive basis, as Kenmore staff time and resources permit at the sole discretion of the Kenmore City Manager or his/her designee, and on behalf of the PSCAA, to conduct odor complaint investigation activities detailed in Regulation 1, Section 9.11(b) of the PSCAA, including but not limited to:

1.1 Quantifying the odor detected according to the following scale, on a written form furnished by the PSCAA:

- level 0 - no odor detected;
- level 1 - odor barely detected;
- level 2 - odor is distinct and definite, any unpleasant characteristics recognizable;
- level 3 - odor is objectionable enough or strong enough to cause attempts at avoidance; and
- level 4 - odor is so strong that a person does not want to remain

present.

1.2 Interviewing the complainant(s) and obtaining from him/her/them a signed affidavit or other formal statement which describes the odor, the source of the emission, the person who the complainant believes is responsible for causing or allowing the odor, and distress or ill effects caused by the odor. Said affidavit or statement shall be completed on a form furnished to Kenmore by the PSCAA.

1.3 Determining and documenting the source of the odor, to the best of Kenmore's knowledge.

1.4 Prior to any investigation conducted by Kenmore, PSCAA shall provide all necessary training to Kenmore personnel who are tasked with conducting such investigations.

2. Submittal to PSCAA. With respect to each individual complaint, at such time as Kenmore has completed the investigation activities described in Section 1 above, Kenmore shall submit to the PSCAA any written documentation pertaining to said complaint. In its sole discretion, the PSCAA shall then determine whether or not to initiate any enforcement action.

3. Other Remedies. Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed to impair any cause of action or legal remedy which Kenmore may have for injury or damages arising from the emission of any odor in such place, manner or concentration as to constitute air pollution or a nuisance.

4. Agency Authority. Except as otherwise provided herein, neither party shall have agency authority to act for or bind the other party in any matter. This Agreement does not preclude or discourage the PSCAA from responding to and investigating air quality complaints within Kenmore. The PSCAA recognizes that Kenmore may not have the time and resources, given other competing Kenmore priorities, to respond to all air quality complaints in Kenmore.

5. Responsible Official. The Kenmore official responsible for conducting odor complaint investigations shall be the City Manager or his/her designees. For purposes of Regulation 1, Section 9.11(b), said official(s) shall be the "duly authorized representative" of the PSCAA referenced therein.

6. Financing. The cost of conducting the odor complaint investigations performed by Kenmore described in Section 1 above shall be borne exclusively by Kenmore. The cost of any enforcement action taken as a result of the investigation shall be borne exclusively by the PSCAA.

7. Administrator. The administrator of this Agreement shall be Kim Wells of the PSCAA, or his/her successor, and he/she or his/her successor shall be responsible for administering the cooperative undertaking described herein.

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8. Duration and Termination. This Agreement shall continue in full force and effect from the effective date of this Agreement through June 30, 2027; provided that at any time during this Agreement either party may give the other party thirty (30) days written notice of the former's intent to terminate this Agreement. Upon the termination of this Agreement, Kenmore shall submit to the PSCAA any written documentation secured with respect to an ongoing complaint investigation.

9. Notices. All notices and other communications hereunder shall be deemed to have been duly given if delivered or mailed, certified mail, with postage prepaid (a) if to Kenmore, to:

City of Kenmore
Bryan Hampson
Development Services Director
18120 68th Ave NE
Kenmore, WA 98028

or to such other person or place as Kenmore shall furnish to the PSCAA in writing, or (b) if to the PSCAA, to:

The Puget Sound Clean Air Agency
Kim Wells
Inspection Manager
1904 Third Ave, Ste 105
Seattle, WA 98101

or to such other person or place as the PSCAA shall furnish to Kenmore in writing.

10. Severability. If any part of this Agreement is held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, void or unenforceable, the remainder of the provisions shall remain in full force and effect and shall in no way be affected, impaired or invalidated.

11. Counterparts. This Agreement may be signed in two counterparts and, if so signed, shall be deemed one integrated Agreement.

12. Entire Agreement. This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the parties with respect to the subject matter of this Agreement. There are no promises, terms, conditions or obligations other than those contained herein, and this Agreement shall supersede all previous communications, negotiations, representations or agreements, either verbal or written, between the parties hereto concerning the subject matter of this Agreement.

13. Amendment. This Agreement may not be modified or amended except by writing signed by both parties hereto.

14. Successors. This Agreement shall inure to the benefit of and be binding upon the parties, their respective successors and assigns, but no right or obligation arising hereunder may be assigned or transferred by any party without the prior written consent of the other party.

15. Governing Law. This Agreement shall be interpreted in accordance with the laws of the state of Washington.

16. Headings. The headings in this Agreement are intended solely for convenience of reference and shall be given no effect in the interpretation of this Agreement.

17. Filing. Pursuant to RCW 39.34.040, this Agreement shall be filed with the King County Division of Records or alternatively, listed by subject on the PSCAA and Kenmore web sites or other electronically retrievable public sources.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the parties hereto have executed this Agreement on the date first above written.

CITY OF KENMORE

PUGET SOUND CLEAN AIR AGENCY

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Rob Karlinsey (Jul 13, 2022 08:58 PDT)

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Title: City Manager
Date: Jul 13, 2022

Steve Van Slyke

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Dawn Reitan, City Attorney
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