RESOLUTION NO. 365

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF SHORELINE, WASHINGTON, ADOPTING PUBLIC DEFENSE STANDARDS IN ACCORDANCE WITH RCW 10.101.030 AND REQUESTING THE CITY MANAGER TO PROVIDE UPDATES TO THE CITY COUNCIL REGARDING ANY FUTURE CHANGES IN THE UNDERLYING ADOPTED STANDARDS IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE ANNUAL BUDGET REPORT.

WHEREAS, RCW 10.101.030 requires cities to adopt standards for the delivery of public defense services and, in accordance with RCW 10.101.030, the City desires to adopt such standards; and

WHEREAS, the Washington State Supreme Court has, by Order No. 25700-A-1004 and subsequent amending orders, adopted standards for indigent defense including standards relating to case counts; and

WHEREAS, the Supreme Court’s standards have been approved by the Washington State Bar Association; and

WHEREAS, RCW 10.101.030 provides that the standards endorsed by the Washington State Bar Association for the provision of public defense services “should serve as guidelines” to the City Council in adopting standards; and

WHEREAS, the City seeks to provide the best possible representation to indigent persons who qualify for and require public defense services;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SHORELINE, WASHINGTON AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The City of Shoreline hereby adopts and incorporates by reference as fully as if herein set forth as its standards for the delivery of public defense services the following, as they presently exist or may hereafter be amended:

1.1 Public Defense Services shall be provided to all clients in a professional, skilled manner consistent with the standards set forth by the Washington State Bar Association in its Standards for Indigent Defense Services (approved June 3, 2011); and

1.2 The Washington State Bar Association Rules of Professional Conduct; and

1.3 Case law and any applicable court rule defining the duties of counsel and the rights of defendants in criminal cases.

Section 2. Nondiscrimination. The Public Defender shall comply with all federal, state and local non-discrimination laws or ordinances in the provision of services to indigent defendants as well as with respect to the hiring and employment practices of its employees.
Section 3. The City Council recognizes that by adopting these standards by reference, it is important that changes be reviewed on a regular basis, at least annually. Accordingly, the City Council requests the City Manager and staff to provide a report to the City Council in conjunction with the annual budget process so that it may evaluate the need to update these standards as well as any public defense contract or the other elements of the criminal justice system such as the Court, prosecutor and police department.

ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL ON NOVEMBER 3, 2014.

Mayor Shari Winstead

ATTEST:

Jessica Simulcik Smith, City Clerk