



Legislation Text

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CITY OF SEATTLE

RESOLUTION _____

A RESOLUTION requesting the Federal Aviation Authority (FAA) to transfer excess property around the Air Route Surveillance Radar facility at Discovery Park to The City of Seattle for Seattle Parks and Recreation (SPR) purposes.

WHEREAS, the Federal Aviation Authority (FAA) built a radar tower in Discovery Park, known as the Fort Lawton Air Route Surveillance Radar (ARSR) facility, in 1958 and has been continuously operating it there since; and

WHEREAS, the Fort Lawton ARSR facility is a vital link in the FAA's mission to monitor our skies and keep our airspace safe; and

WHEREAS, this facility is located in Discovery Park, a regional park used and enjoyed by thousands of residents; and

WHEREAS, the Friends of Discovery Park submitted a proposal for improvements to the FAA's facility recommending that the surrounding fence lines of the Fort Lawton ARSR facility site be modified to provide additional park and open space without compromising the operational security of the FAA's facility; and

WHEREAS, if the FAA agrees to reduce the footprint of the existing fence lines and transfer the available property to the City, Seattle Parks and Recreation (SPR) will commit to maintaining the additional space, outside of the fencing, in the same manner as it maintains the contiguous park property; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEATTLE, THE MAYOR

CONCURRING, THAT:

Section 1. The City of Seattle requests the Federal Aviation Administration to approve the request of the Friends of Discovery Park to reduce the footprint of the fence lines around the Fort Lawton Air Route Surveillance Radar (ARSR) facility at Discovery Park and to transfer the unneeded property to The City of Seattle for parks and recreation purposes. If the FAA agrees to transfer the property, The City of Seattle through Seattle Parks and Recreation commits to maintaining the property to ensure proper security around the FAA property, for public purposes consistent with the City's parks and recreation needs and continuing activation and development of Discovery Park.

Adopted by the City Council the _____ day of _____, 2021, and signed by me in open session in authentication of its adoption this _____ day of _____, 2021.

President _____ of the City Council

The Mayor concurred the _____ day of _____, 2021.

Jenny A. Durkan, Mayor

Filed by me this _____ day of _____, 2021.

Monica Martinez Simmons, City Clerk

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