

Yes. Under Washington law, a city council can approve withdrawal of territory from a Regional Fire Authority (RFA) by adopting a resolution if the area is within the city. RCW 52.26.110 specifically authorizes withdrawal through a city council resolution. The withdrawal becomes effective on December 31 of the year in which the resolution is adopted.

For Edmonds specifically:

- Edmonds annexed into the South County Fire RFA on June 1, 2025 after voter approval.
- The Edmonds City Council could theoretically adopt a resolution to withdraw Edmonds from the RFA under RCW 52.26.110.
- However, the practical consequences would be significant. Edmonds would need to determine how fire and EMS services would be provided after withdrawal—whether by re-establishing a city fire department, contracting with another agency, or pursuing another governance model.
- There could also be issues involving assets, employees, labor agreements, taxes, and service continuity that would need to be resolved.

One interesting point is that the RFA withdrawal statute appears to allow withdrawal by council resolution alone; unlike the original annexation, the statute does not expressly require another vote of Edmonds residents for withdrawal.