RESOLUTION NO. M-2637

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON, APPROVING AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF OLYMPIA AND WASHINGTON TECHNOLOGY SOLUTIONS (WATECH) FOR FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES

WHEREAS, RCW 39.34.010 permits local governmental units to make the most efficient use of their powers by enabling them to cooperate with other localities on a basis of mutual advantage and thereby to provide services and facilities in a manner and pursuant to forms of governmental organization that will accord best with geographic, economic, population and other factors influencing the needs and development of local communities; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to RCW 39.34.080, each party is authorized to contract with any one or more other public agencies to perform any governmental service, activity, or undertaking which each public agency entering into the contract is authorized by law to perform: provided, that such contract shall be authorized by the governing body of each party to the contract and shall set forth its purposes, powers, rights, objectives and responsibilities of the contracting parties; and

WHEREAS, the State of Washington and the City of Olympia have entered into a series of contracts since 1993, providing for the State of Washington to pay its fair share of costs for fire protection services for state buildings or facilities located within the city of Olympia; and

WHEREAS, since 1993 a fire protection services agreement(s) was the product of good faith negotiations between the Washington State Department of Enterprise Services (DES) on behalf of a variety of state agencies and the City of Olympia; and

WHEREAS, RCW Chapter 43.15 establishes an agency for the State of Washington known as Washington Technology Solutions or "WaTech", and that said state agency has entered into a fire protection services agreement with the City of Olympia following the agency's creation by ESSB 5931, Laws of 2011, Chapter 43, section 801, June 15, 2011; and

WHEREAS, negotiations with the State have produced a formula for computing the State's share of the City of Olympia Fire Department's budget, representing total square footage of State-owned buildings or facilities located within the City; and

WHEREAS, various state agencies located within the municipal limits of the City of Olympia through the Washington State Department of Enterprise Services have negotiated with the City of Olympia for fire protection service agreements annually; and

WHEREAS, the City of Olympia and Washington Technology Solutions or "WaTech" had negotiated a fire services protection agreement for July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025, to protect the agency's facilities; and

WHEREAS, the amount set forth for Washington Technology Solutions or "WaTech" is One Hundred Seventy-Eight Thousand and No/100 Dollars ($178,000.00), which represents its cost for fire protection services for July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE OLYMPIA CITY COUNCIL DOES HEREBY RESOLVE as follows:

1. The Olympia City Council hereby approves the form of Interlocal Agreement between the City of Olympia and Washington Technology Solutions for Fire Protection Services.

2. The City Manager is authorized and directed to execute on behalf of the City of Olympia the Interlocal Agreement, and any other documents necessary to execute said Agreement, and to make any minor modifications as may be required and are consistent with the intent of the Interlocal Agreement, or to correct any scrivener's errors.

PASSED BY THE OLYMPIA CITY COUNCIL this 12th day of August, 2025.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

Michael Fulmer
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Jake Stillwell
DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY