

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON, FORMALLY APPROVING A MUTUAL AID AND ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT FOR WASHINGTON STATE FOR INTRASTATE WATER/WASTEWATER AGENCY RESPONSE NETWORK (WAWARN).

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 pursuant to forms of governmental organization that will accord best with geographic, economic, populations, 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 City of Olympia operates water and wastewater systems; and

WHEREAS, WAWARN is a Water/Wastewater Agency Response Network that allows water and wastewater systems within Washington State to receive rapid mutual aid and assistance from other systems in an emergency.

WHEREAS, by executing the WAWARN standard mutual aid and assistance agreement (agreement) the City of Olympia will be allowed to share resources with any other utility system in Washington that have also signed the agreement; and

WHEREAS, the City of Olympia currently has mutual aid agreements with local utility partners; however, in the event of a natural or other disaster effecting this area, those local utility partners would likely be as effected as Olympia and unable to render assistance; thus there is a need for the City to be part of a larger regional mutual aid network, such as WAWARN, so that the City can receive aid from outside the immediate geographical area; and

WHEREAS, the WAWARN agreement is a mutual aid and assistance network that can provide the City of Olympia's water and wastewater utilities with the means to quickly obtain help in the form of personnel, equipment, materials, and associated services from other utilities to restore critical operations impacted during any type of emergency, big or small; and

WHEREAS, becoming a member of the WAWARN mutual aid and assistance network before an emergency occurs can make all the difference when our community's water or wastewater system needs help; and

WHEREAS, the WAWARN agreement includes provisions governing liability, workers' compensation, insurance, and reimbursement; and

WHEREAS, other benefits include increased emergency preparedness and coordination, and enhanced access to specialized resources; and

WHEREAS, utility responders, once notified, are typically on the ground within 24 hours;

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

The Interim City Manager is authorized and directed to execute on behalf of the City of Olympia the WAWARN 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 Agreement, or to correct any scrivener's errors.

PASSED BY THE OLYMPIA CITY COUNCIL this _____ day of _____ 2020.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY