

RESOLUTION NO. M-2604

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON,
DIRECTING STAFF TO NEGOTIATE AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF
OLYMPIA AND THURSTON COUNTY FOR JUDICIAL, JAIL ALTERNATIVE, AND SUPERVISED
PROBATION 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, RCW 39.34.180 permits a city and county to enter into interlocal agreements under Chapter 39.34 RCW for judicial services and/or pretrial and/or postjudgment probation supervision services pursuant to ARLJ 11. Cities and counties must consider anticipated costs of services and anticipated and potential revenues to fund the services, including fines and fees, criminal justice funding, and state-authorized sales tax funding levied for criminal justice purposes; and

WHEREAS, the City of Olympia, through staff and consultants, has (1) investigated options for moving the Olympia Municipal Court to commercial office space, to and including taking an option to lease such commercial space as may be needed if such proposal was found to be economically feasible; (2) investigated moving the Court to other City-owned space, including but not limited to use of Council Chambers in Olympia City Hall during daytime for a courtroom, and relocating court staff, prosecutors, public defenders, probation, and victims' advocates to other City-owned office space, including the cost of necessary renovations and security needs; and (3) investigated entering into an interlocal agreement for judicial services, jail alternatives, and supervised probation services with Thurston County for use of Thurston County District Court as provided by state law; and

WHEREAS, the Olympia Municipal Court, its judge and court staff, including prosecutors, public defenders, probation, and victims' advocates participated in discussions and space planning with City staff and City consultants; and

WHEREAS, of the three options available to the City of Olympia, the Olympia City Council finds the most economically feasible is to enter into an interlocal agreement with Thurston County to provide judicial services, jail alternatives, and supervised probation services, and to terminate Olympia Municipal Court upon six months' notice to the Administrative Office of the Courts, as permitted by law; and

WHEREAS, the City of Olympia and Thurston County desire to ensure that court services, case proceedings and court operations are delivered as consistently and efficiently as possible across all courts; and

WHEREAS, the City of Olympia and Thurston County desire to work together to provide an accessible judicial forum for the fair, efficient, and consistent resolution of Olympia’s cases; and

WHEREAS, the City of Olympia has limited financial resources, and Thurston County can provide court services and other services in an efficient and comprehensive manner; and

WHEREAS, filing fees and other costs are to be determined pursuant to an Agreement between the City of Olympia and Thurston County as provided for in Chapter 39.34 RCW, the Interlocal Cooperation Act; and

WHEREAS, the City of Olympia and Thurston County are desirous of establishing filing fees at a mutually acceptable rate, in addition to services for jail alternatives, and supervised probation services;

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

1. The Olympia City Council hereby approves this Resolution directing the City Manager and designees to negotiate an interlocal agreement between the City of Olympia and Thurston County for judicial services, jail alternatives, and supervised probation services for consideration and final decision by the Olympia City Council.
2. The City Manager is directed to return a proposed Interlocal Agreement between the City of Olympia and Thurston County for review and consideration by the Olympia City Council at a regularly scheduled open public business meeting at the earliest opportunity.

PASSED BY THE OLYMPIA CITY COUNCIL this 22nd day of April 2025.


MAYOR

ATTEST:

Sean Krier
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Mark Barber
CITY ATTORNEY