

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON, APPROVING
AND RATIFYING THE CITY MANAGER'S EXECUTION OF AN EASEMENT AGREEMENT FOR THE
INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE PUGET SOUND ENERGY UTILITY SYSTEMS AT FRANZ
ANDERSON TINY HOUSE VILLAGE**

WHEREAS, the City of Olympia initially declared a Public Health Emergency relating to human health and environmental conditions due to increasing homelessness in Ordinance No. 7146 on July 17, 2018; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has voted to continue the declaration of a public health emergency every six months since its inception, and most recently with the passage of Ordinance No. 7359 on April 18, 2023; and

WHEREAS, as part of addressing the homelessness public health emergency, the City has entered into an agreement with the Department of Commerce to develop and operate a 50 unit tiny house village at 528 Franz Anderson Rd SE (see, Resolution No. M-2347); and

WHEREAS, design of the Franz Anderson Tiny House village is complete and construction began May 1, 2023, with the goal of having the Village complete and operational by July 1, 2023, so that this important amenity can be available to serve people in need in the community and help address the homelessness public health emergency, as soon as possible; and

WHEREAS, in order to supply necessary electrical power to the Franz Anderson Tiny House Village, Puget Sound Energy requires an easement over, across, and under a certain portion of the City property on which the Franz Anderson Tiny House Village is being constructed for certain utility infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, it was necessary for the City Manager to execute the easement agreement with Puget Sound Energy on an expedited basis, without prior Council approval, so that the necessary utility infrastructure could be installed within a timeframe to allow construction of the Franz Anderson Tiny Home Village to be completed as soon as possible, so that the Village could be up and running to begin serving people in need, in aid of addressing the homelessness public health emergency; and

WHEREAS, after review by City staff and after the easement agreement was reviewed and approved as to form by the City's Legal Department, the City Manager executed the easement agreement on behalf of the City on May 26, 2023;

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

1. The Olympia City Council hereby finds that the easement agreement with Puget Sound Energy was executed prior to Council consent due to the necessity of timely completing the construction of the Franz Anderson Tiny Home Village to aid in addressing the homelessness public health emergency pursuant to Ordinance No. 7359, and that an emergency was in existence at the time the easement agreement was executed by the City Manager.

2. The Olympia City Council hereby ratifies and confirms the easement agreement executed with Puget Sound Energy by the City Manager pursuant to the emergency due to homelessness in the City of Olympia under the authority of Ordinance No. 7359 passed on April 18, 2023.

PASSED BY THE OLYMPIA CITY COUNCIL this _____ day of _____ 2023.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Michael M. Young

DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY