

**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON, APPROVING AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITIES OF OLYMPIA, LACEY, TUMWATER, RAINIER, TENINO AND YELM, THE TOWN OF BUCODA, AND THURSTON COUNTY DISSOLVING THE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COUNCIL, THE COMMUNITY INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP, AND CREATING THE REGIONAL HOUSING COUNCIL**

**WHEREAS**, there is a homeless crisis in Thurston County; and

**WHEREAS**, the Thurston County Board of Health has declared homelessness a public health crisis; and

**WHEREAS**, the Thurston County Board of County Commissioners has adopted a five-year Homeless Crisis Response Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Olympia has also declared a public health emergency related to homelessness and is developing a Homeless Response Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, the cities of Tumwater and Lacey have invested significant time and energy developing strategic approaches to homelessness and housing issues; and

**WHEREAS**, the COVID-19 pandemic has dramatically compounded the emergent housing and homeless situation in Thurston County; and

**WHEREAS**, the residential vacancy rate is below 5% and rental rates have continued to climb, making housing less affordable to a growing segment of area residents; and

**WHEREAS**, in the urban portion of Thurston County, approximately 50% of the residents are renters; and

**WHEREAS**, Thurston County's poverty rate is 11% and the United Way's ALICE (Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed) report indicates that 36% of Thurston County households are rent burdened, which is defined as paying more than 30% of their income for housing; and

**WHEREAS**, Thurston County, the cities of Olympia, Tumwater, Lacey, Rainier, Tenino, and Yelm, and the Town of Bucoda (the Jurisdictions) agree that it is mutually beneficial to share decision making responsibilities related to homelessness and affordable housing in Thurston County; and

**WHEREAS**, the Jurisdictions agree that it is mutually beneficial to collaborate to expand affordable housing options and share the planning for, identification of, and resource allocation to activities and programs intended to support individuals experiencing homelessness in Thurston County; and

**WHEREAS**, the Jurisdictions agree that by collaborating, these activities and programs will be delivered more efficiently and effectively and the costs and impacts of managing them will be shared equitably by the Jurisdictions; and

**WHEREAS**, the Jurisdictions agree that dissolving the Health and Human Services Council and creating the Regional Housing Council will aid in efficient and effective decision making related to responding to homeless and housing affordability crisis;

**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, the City of Lacey, the City of Tumwater, the City of Tenino, the City of Yelm, the Town of Bucoda, and Thurston County dissolving the Health and Human Services Council, the Community Investment Partnership, and creating the Regional Housing Council and the terms and conditions contained therein.
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 Agreement, or to correct any scrivener's errors.

**PASSED BY THE OLYMPIA CITY COUNCIL** this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2020.

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MAYOR

ATTEST:

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CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

**Mark Barber**  
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CITY ATTORNEY