

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

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON,  
APPROVING THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF OLYMPIA AND THE  
CITY OF TUMWATER REGARDING THE STUDY OF A REGIONAL FIRE AUTHORITY**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to RCW Chapter 39.34, local governmental units may enter into agreements on a basis of mutual advantage for the purpose of cooperating 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**, the service demands and costs of providing fire and emergency medical services have increased dramatically and disproportionately to other municipal services; and

**WHEREAS**, that cost escalation continues to put pressure on the limited resources of the cities of Olympia and Tumwater (collectively the “Cities”); and

**WHEREAS**, regionalization of fire and emergency medical services has been shown to deliver services effectively and efficiently to the community; and

**WHEREAS**, Washington State law, RCW Chapter 52.26, provides an option for Regional Fire Authorities to be formed between cities for the purpose of providing regional fire and emergency medical services; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2019, a study of fire and emergency medical regionalization options in Thurston County was released and recommended further exploration of a Regional Fire Authority (RFA) between the Cities; and

**WHEREAS**, the Cities desire to explore the creation of an RFA to provide fire and emergency services within the boundaries of the two cities and to share the costs of the study of such RFA; and

**WHEREAS**, the Cities agree that a planning process that looks at the viability of an RFA will require input from affected groups, including represented employees, unrepresented employees, residents and businesses, other city departments, Medic One, and community partners;

**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 the City of Tumwater Regarding the Study of a Regional Fire Authority, 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 amendments or 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 \_\_\_\_\_ 2021.

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MAYOR

ATTEST:

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CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

**Mark Barber**  
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CITY ATTORNEY