

RESOLUTION NO. M-2646

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON, APPROVING THE INTERAGENCY AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF OLYMPIA AND THE WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE FOR A CLIMATE PLANNING GRANT

WHEREAS, the Washington State Growth Management Act (GMA) (RCW 36.70A) guides and directs local government planning in the state. It requires most cities and counties, including Olympia, to adopt and periodically update a comprehensive plan to accommodate the succeeding 20 years of growth and provide the primary goals and policies to guide all City actions. The GMA mandates consistency between all elements of the comprehensive plan, and between the plan and all City regulations and actions intended to implement the comprehensive plan; and

WHEREAS, planning for climate change and resiliency was added as the 14th goal to the GMA in 2023, by adoption of House Bill 1181 (Chapter 228, Laws of 2023). The GMA now requires local comprehensive plans to have sub-elements with climate resilience and greenhouse gas emissions reduction; and

WHEREAS, the Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Emission sub-element — with goals and policies to reduce GHG emissions and vehicle miles traveled — is mandatory for the state’s 11 largest counties (of which Thurston County is one) and for cities located within those counties that have a population size greater than 6,000; thus, this requirement applies to Olympia; and

WHEREAS the Resilience sub-element — with goals and polices to improve climate preparedness, Response, and recovery efforts — is mandatory for all fully planning counties and cities under the GMA and is encouraged for others; and

WHEREAS, Olympia 2045 is the Comprehensive Plan update that will look out to year 2045 to show how the City will accommodate new population and employment growth. It is also an opportunity to make sure the Plan and Development Regulations meet current state requirements that have changed since the last major update of the Plan, including the new GMA goal for climate and the new Climate Change and Resiliency element requirement. The deadline to complete this update is December 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Climate Commitment Act (Senate Bill 5187 (Sec. 130 (21)) directs the Department of Commerce (Commerce) to administer grants and provide technical assistance to cities and counties to plan for climate change. Commerce will make approximately \$30 million (as appropriated) in statewide grants to implement House Bill 1181 (Chapter 228, Laws of 2023) supporting the development of climate change and resiliency elements; and

WHEREAS, all local governments that are subject to HB 1181 may apply for funding for activities related to implementing climate change planning. The City of Olympia has been awarded a \$78,583, 2025-2027 Climate Planning Grant to support the development of Olympia’s Comprehensive Plan Climate Element.

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

1. The Olympia City Council hereby approves the form the Interagency Agreement between the City of Olympia and the Washington State Department of Commerce for the Climate Planning Grant, and the terms and conditions contained that Agreement.
2. The City Manager or his designee is directed and authorized to execute on behalf of the City of Olympia Interagency Agreement, and any other documents necessary to receive the Climate Planning Grant, and to make any amendments or minor modifications as may be required and are consistent with the intent of the Interagency Agreement, and to correct any scrivener's errors.

PASSED BY THE OLYMPIA CITY COUNCIL this 9th day of September 2025.



MAYOR

ATTEST:

Sean Krier

CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Michael M. Young

SENIOR DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY