

RESOLUTION NO. M-2443

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON,
APPROVING AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF OLYMPIA AND
THURSTON REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A HOUSING
ALLOCATION METHOD AND HOUSING ALLOCATIONS**

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;

WHEREAS, in 2021, Washington State approved an amendment to RCW 36.70A.070(2), a section of the Growth Management Act (GMA), to instruct local governments to “plan and accommodate” for housing affordable to all income levels; and

WHEREAS, this requirement includes an assessment of housing need and allocation across counties of housing units for moderate, low, very low, and extremely low-income households, and for emergency housing, emergency shelters, and permanent supportive housing; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to RCW 36.70A.130(5) all jurisdictions within Thurston County will need to review and revise their comprehensive plans by June 30, 2025, to address the new housing allocation requirements; and

WHEREAS, the Washington State Department of Commerce has created guidance and tools for assessing housing need and allocating housing units within a county; and

WHEREAS, the Olympia City Council wishes to contract with Thurston Regional Planning Council (TRPC), given TRPC’s mission and staff expertise, to design and facilitate a process to reach regional agreement on the housing allocation method and housing allocations;

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 Thurston Regional Planning Council for the development of a Housing Allocation Method 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 20th day of June 2023.


MAYOR

ATTEST:


CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Mark Barber
CITY ATTORNEY