

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

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON, APPROVING AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF OLYMPIA AND WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO ADDRESS ENCAMPMENTS ALONG STATE-OWNED RIGHTS-OF-WAY**

**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; and

**WHEREAS**, SSB 5165, Section 215 9(a) provides funding solely for the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) to address the risks to safety and public health associated with homeless encampments on or adjacent to WSDOT owned rights-of-way (ROW). WSDOT must coordinate and work with local government officials to provide services and direct people to housing alternatives that are not in highway ROW to help prevent future encampments from forming on highway ROW; and

**WHEREAS**, the Parties desire to confirm their partnership in addressing the public safety, public health, and environmental risks associated with homeless encampments on state-owned ROW; and

**WHEREAS**, the terms of the partnership are to be documented in an Interlocal Agreement, which includes WSDOT's agreement to pay the City up to \$340,000 and the City's agreement to assist WSDOT with addressing homeless encampments on state-owned ROW; and

**WHEREAS**, this Interlocal Agreement between WSDOT and the City is part of a partnership between the State, through the Department of Commerce, WSDOT, and the Washington State Patrol, and the Cities of Olympia, Lacey, and Tumwater, and Thurston County, to address homelessness encampments on state-owned ROW and to transition unhoused persons staying on such ROW into housing; that partnership is governed by a Memorandum of Understanding, to be executed by the state agencies and the cities and the County;

**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 Department of Transportation to address encampments along State-owned rights-of-way 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 \_\_\_\_\_ 2022.

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MAYOR

ATTEST:

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CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

*Michael M. Young*  
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DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY