

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

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON,  
APPROVING AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITIES OF OLYMPIA, LACEY,  
AND TUMWATER AND THURSTON COUNTY FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A REGIONAL  
BUILDING ELECTRIFICATION COST ASSESSMENT**

**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**, the Parties understand that human activities, especially combustion of fossil fuels, are leading to increased levels of carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases in the atmosphere that are altering the climate, resulting in such impacts as reduced snowpack, ocean acidification, sea level rise, increased flooding, summer droughts, loss of habitat, and increased forest fires; and

**WHEREAS**, these environmental impacts of climate change create economic and public health impacts, and disproportionately impact the most vulnerable and marginalized populations, and the Parties are greatly concerned over all these impacts on the Thurston County region and their respective communities; and

**WHEREAS**, the Parties have each adopted a resolution with a common emissions baseline and targets to reduce communitywide emissions 45% below 2015 levels by 2030 and 85% below 2015 levels by 2050; and

**WHEREAS**, the Parties have each adopted a resolution accepting the *Thurston Climate Mitigation Plan (2020)* as a framework to guide future action addressing local sources of greenhouse gas emissions that contribute to global climate change; and

**WHEREAS**, the *Thurston Climate Mitigation Plan* identifies building electrification as one of the most important strategies to achieve substantial reductions in local greenhouse gas emissions; and

**WHEREAS**, the Parties believe that regionally coordinated implementation of the *Thurston Climate Mitigation Plan* is essential to the most efficient and effective deployment of the plan's actions; and

**WHEREAS**, the Parties wish to contract with ECONorthwest, given ECONorthwest’s staff expertise, to evaluate the costs associated with building and operating all-electric housing, commercial development, and mixed-used development in Thurston 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 Cities of Olympia, Lacey, and Tumwater and Thurston County for the development of a regional building electrification cost assessment 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:

Mark Barber  
CITY ATTORNEY