

RESOLUTION NO. M-2505

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON,
APPROVING AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THURSTON COUNTY, CITY OF
LACEY, CITY OF OLYMPIA, AND CITY OF TUMWATER TO SUPPORT IMPLEMENTATION OF
THE 2024 THURSTON CLIMATE MITIGATION COLLABORATIVE REGIONAL INITIATIVES**

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 public agency 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 must be authorized by the governing body of each party to the contract and must set forth its purposes, powers, rights, objectives, and responsibilities of the contracting parties; and

WHEREAS, the City of Olympia, Thurston County, the City of Lacey, and the City of Tumwater (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 previously 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, in 2023, the Parties adopted an Interlocal Agreement for long-term regionally coordinated implementation of the *Thurston Climate Mitigation Plan*, which establishes a set of expectations for how the Parties will work together as the Thurston Climate Mitigation Collaborative (TCMC) to implement regional climate mitigation actions, including the selection and implementation of annual regional initiatives; and

WHEREAS, at the 2023 TCMC Annual Retreat and subsequent Executive Committee meeting on June 26, 2023, the TCMC agreed to advance two regional initiatives for focused regional coordination in 2024: (1) design a Residential Energy Efficiency and Electrification Campaign and (2) develop a Home Energy Score Model Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, these regional initiatives were selected because they directly align with Strategies B1 and B6 in the Thurston Climate Mitigation Plan (TCMP) and were determined to be substantially improved by regional coordination; and

WHEREAS, the development of these regional initiatives will help Thurston residents leverage current and forthcoming state, federal, and utility incentives for energy efficiency and electrification; and

WHEREAS, in order to carry out these regional initiatives, it is necessary for the Parties to enter into an Interlocal Agreement, whereby each of the Parties will contribute a staff member to a Staff Team and contribute certain funding, and Olympia will serve as the contract manager for a contract or contracts with one or more contractors.

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

1. The Olympia City Council hereby approves the form of Interlocal Agreement between Thurston County, City of Lacey, City of Olympia, and City of Tumwater to support implementation of the 2024 Thurston Climate Mitigation Collaborative Regional Initiatives 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 13th day of February, 2024.



MAYOR

ATTEST:

Sean Krier

CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Michael M. Young

DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY