

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON, APPROVING AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITIES OF OLYMPIA, LACEY, TUMWATER, THURSTON COUNTY, AND THURSTON REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE THURSTON CLIMATE MITIGATION PLAN

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, pursuant to these authorities, the Cities of Olympia, Lacey, and Tumwater, Thurston County, and the Thurston County Regional Planning Council (“TRPC”) (the “Parties”) wish to enter into an interlocal agreement for implementation of the Thurston Climate Mitigation Plan; 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 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 County and cities in 2021 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 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 County and Cities wish to contract with TRPC given TRPC’s mission and staff expertise, to support and coordinate regional efforts to implement the Thurston Climate Mitigation Plan;

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, Tumwater, Thurston County, and TRPC for implementation of the Thurston Climate Mitigation Plan 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.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Michael M. Young

DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY