

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON,
ADOPTING THE OLYMPIA SEA LEVEL RESPONSE PLAN.**

WHEREAS, the City of Olympia, the Port of Olympia, and the LOTT Clean Water Alliance entered into an Interlocal Agreement in 2017 to jointly fund and participate in a formal sea level rise planning process for downtown Olympia and the Port peninsula; and

WHEREAS, the planning process utilized an innovative climate adaptation planning approach that included data review of prior studies, summary of best available sea level rise science, development of a planning framework, assessment of vulnerability and risk to City, Port, and LOTT assets and infrastructure, identification of viable adaptation strategies, and ongoing opportunities for community input; and

WHEREAS, the Draft Olympia Sea Level Rise Plan was available for public review and comment from December 11, 2018 – January 25, 2019; and

WHEREAS, to address public and staff comments received during the December 11, 2018 – January 25, 2019 review period, a February 6, 2019 Plan Revision Errata Sheet was developed; and

WHEREAS, a notice of State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) Determination of Non-significance (DNS) was issued by the City for the Olympia Sea Level Rise Plan on February 13, 2019, and the DNS comment and appeal period have closed; and

WHEREAS, the City Council held a public hearing on the Draft Olympia Sea Level Rise Plan and Plan Revision Errata Sheet on February 26, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the Olympia Sea Level Rise Plan has been finalized to incorporate the errata sheet revisions, February 26, 2019 public hearing comments and staff responses, and SEPA; and

WHEREAS, the resulting Olympia Sea Level Rise Response Plan is a community plan that provides a comprehensive menu of short-term, mid-term and long-term strategies for minimizing and preventing flooding to downtown Olympia and protecting the Budd Inlet Treatment Plant from rising sea levels; and

WHEREAS, implementation of the Olympia Sea Level Rise Response Plan will take ongoing coordination and collaboration across governmental entities, non-profit organizations, and other stakeholders;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE OLYMPIA CITY COUNCIL DOES HEREBY RESOLVE that:

1. The Olympia Sea Level Rise Response Plan (the Plan), a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part hereof, is adopted.
2. The Plan provides a solid foundation for strategic and coordinated sea level rise response. The City of Olympia will use the Plan to guide next steps for sea level rise response, including continued collaboration with the LOTT Clean Water Alliance, the Port of Olympia, and others. The Plan will also be used to assist with long-range capital planning, guiding investments in future projects to protect City infrastructure and services from the impacts of sea level rise.

PASSED BY THE OLYMPIA CITY COUNCIL this _____ day of _____ 2019.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



CITY ATTORNEY