

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON, APPROVING THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL EMS CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF OLYMPIA AND THURSTON COUNTY FOR BASIC LIFE SUPPORT (BLS) HIGH PROBABILITY UNIT.

WHEREAS, Chapter 39.34 RCW authorizes local government to enter into agreements for joint and cooperative undertakings; and

WHEREAS, regulations over the provision of emergency medical services include Chapters 18.71, 18.73, 70.168 RCW and Chapter 246-976 WAC; and

WHEREAS, RCW 70.168.120 authorizes the counties to establish local emergency medical services care councils; and

WHEREAS, Thurston County Medic One, of which the City of Olympia is a partner agency, is supported by a County wide levy in order to provide county wide emergency medical services as provided by law; and

WHEREAS, on February 29, 2020, the Governor of Washington State adopted Proclamation 20-02 and proclaimed that a State of Emergency exists for all counties in the State of Washington as a result of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2020, the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2020, Thurston County Commissioners declared a local emergency; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared a National Emergency Concerning the Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) Outbreak; and

WHEREAS, to address the COVID-19 Outbreak, the City, through the Fire Department and the County, through Thurston County Medic One, wish to enter partnership for staffing Basic Life Support (BLS) High Probability Units (HPU's) in the county;

WHEREAS, these HPUs are intended to respond to aid calls for which the patient has a high probability of being infected with COVID-19. HPUs are designed to be scalable to match service demand. The HPUs are not intended to routinely respond to car accidents, rescues, and service calls; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the HPU partnership is to provide the highest level of service to the citizens of Thurston County, by sending the most appropriate resources at times of high stress on the EMS system. By adding these additional resources, our fire and EMS system will be more capable of surging to meet our community's needs during unprecedented periods of higher stress on the system.

WHEREAS, the City represents that it is qualified and possesses sufficient skills and the necessary capabilities, including technical and professional expertise where required, to perform the BLS services set forth in the Contract;

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

1. The Olympia City Council hereby approves the form of Intergovernmental EMS Contract between the City of Olympia and Thurston County for a Basic Life Support High Probability Unit 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 Intergovernmental EMS Contract, and any other documents necessary to execute said Agreement, and to make any minor modifications as may be required and are consistent with the intent of the Contract, or to correct any scrivener's errors.

PASSED BY THE OLYMPIA CITY COUNCIL this _____ day of _____ 2020.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Michael M. Young

DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY