

RESOLUTION NO. M-2399

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON,
APPROVING THE FIRST AMENDMENT TO INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY
OF OLYMPIA AND THE CITY OF TUMWATER REGARDING THE STUDY OF A REGIONAL
FIRE AUTHORITY**

WHEREAS, pursuant to RCW Chapter 39.34, local governmental units may enter into agreements on a basis of mutual advantage for the purpose of cooperating 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, the service demands and costs of providing fire and emergency medical services have increased dramatically and disproportionately to other municipal services; and

WHEREAS, that cost escalation continues to put pressure on the limited resources of the cities of Olympia and Tumwater (collectively the “Cities”); and

WHEREAS, regionalization of fire and emergency medical services has been shown to deliver services effectively and efficiently to the community; and

WHEREAS, Washington State law, RCW Chapter 52.26, provides an option for Regional Fire Authorities to be formed between cities for the purpose of providing regional fire and emergency medical services; and

WHEREAS, in 2019, a study of fire and emergency medical regionalization options in Thurston County was released and recommended further exploration of a Regional Fire Authority (RFA) between the Cities; and

WHEREAS, on May 19, 2021, the cities of Olympia and Tumwater (the Cities) entered into an interlocal agreement to explore the formation of a Regional Fire Authority (RFA) to provide fire and emergency services within the boundaries of the two cities and to share the costs of the study of an RFA (Interlocal Agreement); and

WHEREAS, the Cities subsequently formed the Regional Fire Authority Planning Committee (Planning Committee) to review the formation of an RFA and associated service delivery and financing plan to provide fire protection and emergency medical services within the boundaries of the City of Olympia and the City of Tumwater; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Committee has accomplished significant progress, having made a recommendation at their November 14, 2022, meeting to the respective city councils to form a Regional Fire Authority; and

WHEREAS, the Cities’ desire to continue their collaborative work and extend the term of the Interlocal Agreement;

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

1. The Olympia City Council hereby approves the form of First Amendment to Interlocal Agreement between the City of Olympia and the City of Tumwater Regarding the Study of a Regional Fire Authority, 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 First Amendment to 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 Interlocal Agreement, or to correct any scrivener's errors.

PASSED BY THE OLYMPIA CITY COUNCIL this 6th day of December 2022.


MAYOR

ATTEST:


CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Mark Barber
CITY ATTORNEY