

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON, APPROVING AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THURSTON COUNTY AND THE CITIES OF LACEY, OLYMPIA, TUMWATER, AND TENINO TO SUPPORT IMPLEMENTATION OF THE 2025 “ENERGIZE THURSTON” HEAT PUMP GROUP PURCHASE CAMPAIGN

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

WHEREAS, The Thurston Climate Mitigation Collaborative (TCMC) is an ongoing partnership among Thurston County and the Cities of Olympia, Lacey and Tumwater to identify and implement actions to reduce local sources of greenhouse gas emissions that contribute to global climate change; and the TCMS was formalized through a December 2023 Interlocal Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the TCMC’s 2022 greenhouse gas emissions inventory found that residential natural gas use and associated emissions increased 31% from 2015 to 2022 in Thurston County, and that natural gas use had the largest increase of all emissions-generating activities over that time period, underscoring the importance of providing voluntary incentives to transition homes toward modern, efficient heating/cooling and water heating systems to meet regional emission reduction goals; and

WHEREAS, the TCMC executed another Interlocal Agreement in March 2024 to implement two regionally coordinated initiatives that aim to reduce emissions in residential buildings and implement Strategies B1 and B6 in the *Thurston Climate Mitigation Plan*, one of which was to design a Residential Energy Efficiency and Electrification Campaign; and

WHEREAS, the TCMC completed background research and stakeholder engagement to design the Residential Energy Efficiency and Electrification Campaign, named the campaign “Energize Thurston,” and plans to launch Energize Thurston in the first quarter of 2025; and

WHEREAS, Energize Thurston will expand on the City of Olympia’s 2023-2024 “Energize Olympia” program by providing discounted and streamlined installations of efficient electric heat pump space heaters and heat pump water heaters to residents throughout Thurston County, as well as subsidized installations for qualifying low- and moderate-income (LMI) residents; and

WHEREAS, the City of Tenino wishes to join the four TCMC jurisdictions in implementing Energize Thurston, and all five jurisdictions have been awarded state and/or federal grant funding to contribute to subsidized equipment installations for qualifying residents within their jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, the implementation of this regional initiative will help Thurston residents leverage current and forthcoming state, federal, and utility incentives for energy efficiency and electrification; and

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 and the Cities of Lacey, Olympia, Tumwater and Tenino to support implementation of the 2025 “Energize Thurston” heat pump group purchase campaign 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 _____ 2025.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Jake Stillwell

DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY