

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON, ADOPTING COMMON TARGETS TO REDUCE COMMUNITY-WIDE GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS THAT CONTRIBUTE TO GLOBAL CLIMATE CHANGE AND APPROVING AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF OLYMPIA, CITY OF LACEY, CITY OF TUMWATER, THURSTON REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL AND THURSTON COUNTY FOR DEVELOPMENT OF A REGIONAL CLIMATE MITIGATION PLAN**

**WHEREAS**, the cities of Olympia, Lacey, and Tumwater, Thurston County and the Thurston Regional Planning Council (the Parties) believe that greenhouse gas emissions accelerate climate change and result in such impacts as reduced snowpack, ocean acidification, sea level rise, increased flooding, summer droughts, loss of habitat, and increased forest fires; and

**WHEREAS**, the Parties are greatly concerned over these economic, public health, and environmental impacts of climate change on the Thurston County region and their respective communities and jurisdictions; and

**WHEREAS**, the Parties have been taking action over many years to reduce their municipal greenhouse gas emissions and believe further action is needed to reduce their community-wide emissions; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Olympia has adopted into its Comprehensive Plan goal GN8: Community sources of emissions of carbon dioxide and other climate-changing greenhouse gases are identified, monitored and reduced; and

**WHEREAS**, the *Sustainable Thurston Plan*, adopted by the Thurston Regional Planning Council (TRPC) in 2013 and subsequently accepted by the Parties, sets a goal for the Thurston County region to move toward carbon-neutrality and recommends supporting emissions reduction targets through 2050, and identifies the creation of a regional climate action plan as a first action step; and

**WHEREAS**, a regional climate action plan consists of two parts: (1) the emissions reducing mitigation plan referenced in the proposed Interlocal Agreement for Regional Climate Mitigation Planning; and (2) the *Thurston Climate Adaption Plan* adopted by TRPC in January 2018. The latter document includes ninety-one (91) adaptation actions to help the region prepare for and adjust to climate impacts; and

**WHEREAS**, the Parties believe a regional climate mitigation plan would be more efficient and effective than individual climate mitigation plans; and

**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**, in the spring of 2018, the Parties executed Phase 1 of a Regional Mitigation Plan that assessed their greenhouse gas emissions and efforts to reduce them, as well as recommended that each jurisdiction adopt a resolution with a common emissions baseline and science-based targets to guide the Plan's Phase 2 by reducing community-wide emissions 45% below 2015 levels by 2030 and 85% below 2015 levels by 2050; and

**WHEREAS**, the Parties wish to execute Phase 2 of the two-phased planning process to create the *Regional Climate Mitigation Plan* and develop implementation strategies to be administered by each party;

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

1. In consideration of the information contained herein, the City of Olympia will pursue the recommended targets to reduce community-wide greenhouse gas emissions 45 percent below 2015 levels by 2030, and 85 percent below 2015 levels by 2050.
2. The Olympia City Council hereby approves the form of Interlocal Agreement between the City of Olympia, City of Lacey, City of Tumwater, Thurston Regional Planning Council, and Thurston County, and the terms and conditions contained therein.
3. The City Manager is directed and authorized to execute on behalf of the City of Olympia the Interlocal Agreement for a *Regional Climate Mitigation Plan* and to make any minor modifications as may be required and are consistent with the intent of the attached Interlocal Agreement, or to correct any scrivener's errors.

**PASSED BY THE OLYMPIA CITY COUNCIL** this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2018.

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MAYOR

ATTEST:

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CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
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CITY ATTORNEY