



## City Council

# Approval of a Resolution Authorizing an Amendment to the Intergovernmental Emergency Medical Services Contract with Thurston County Medic One for Basic Life Support Services

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### Title

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### Recommended Action

#### Committee Recommendation:

Not referred to a committee.

#### City Manager Recommendation:

Move to approve the Resolution authorizing an Amendment to the Intergovernmental Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Contract for Basic Life Support (BLS) Funding and authorize the City Manager to sign the Amendment.

### Report

#### Issue:

Whether to approve an Amendment to the Intergovernmental EMS Contract with Thurston County for BLS services.

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#### Presenter(s):

None - Consent Calendar Item

### Background and Analysis:

Thurston County (Medic One) and the City of Olympia (Fire Department) have a long-standing working relationship for the delivery of Advanced Life Support (ALS) Paramedic Services and Basic Life Support (BLS) EMT/Firefighter Services. For over 40 years, there has been an Intergovernmental Agreement detailing the reimbursement from the County to the City regarding the

ALS services. Starting in 2019, an Intergovernmental EMS Contract for BLS services was executed to allow Thurston County to provide additional financial support and medical supplies to the City.

The amount of BLS financial support received by the City as Fire Department revenue and the amount of funding for BLS supplies and equipment (non-revenue) supplied to the Fire Department varies each year based on the Countywide EMS system call volumes. The amount of revenue received in 2020 for BLS financial support was \$115,402.00, with a similar funding amount provided to the Fire Department for BLS supplies and equipment. The BLS contract contains language to allow varying annual funding amounts without re-signing a new contract each year.

In 2020, the cost of BLS medical supplies and equipment increased substantially due to demand from COVID-19 impacts. Substantial cost increases caused a minimal overage to the 2020 BLS supply fund limit. This Amendment allows for overages to the supply fund limit be deducted from the following year's supply fund balance if it does not exceed the fund limit in that year.

**Neighborhood/Community Interests (if known):**

The delivery of Advanced Life Support (ALS) Paramedic Services and Basic Life Support (BLS) EMT/Firefighter Services are of great interest in the community.

**Options:**

1. Approve the resolution and authorize the City Manager to sign the Amendment to the Intergovernmental EMS Contract BLS funding.
2. Do not approve the resolution and request changes to the contract.
3. Consider the resolution at another time.

**Financial Impact:**

This Amendment allows for Thurston County Medic One to adjust overages to the annual BLS supply fund from the following year's BLS supply fund. This will have no financial impact to the City.

**Attachments:**

Resolution  
Amendment  
Agreement