



## City Council

# Approval of a Resolution Authorizing an Interlocal Agreement between the City of Olympia and Thurston County Fire District 9 for Emergency Services

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### Title

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### Recommended Action

#### Committee Recommendation:

Not referred to committee.

#### City Manager Recommendation:

Move to approve a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to sign the Interlocal Agreement with Thurston County Fire District 9 for emergency services.

### Report

#### Issue:

Whether to approve a Resolution authorizing the Interlocal Agreement with Thurston County Fire District 9 for emergency services.

#### Staff Contact:

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#### Presenter(s):

None - Consent Calendar Item

### Background and Analysis:

Since 2007, the City of Olympia and Thurston County Fire District 9, a Fire District located on the western border of the City, have had an Interlocal Agreement in place for Emergency Services. Per the Agreement, Fire District 9 is the first to respond to fire and emergency medical calls in certain areas of the City, as their station is closer in that area than the Olympia station. City crews also respond to those calls, but due to geography it is expected that Fire District 9 will initiate the fire suppression or care until Olympia arrives. The Agreement also specified an area in Fire District 9 that

is an island in the northwest portion of the City that would be benefitted by City's first response.

All parties feel this arrangement is beneficial to the community, so a new Agreement has updated first response areas. Fire District 9 will continue responding to areas in the City as defined in the document, and the City will continue responding to areas in the Fire District 9 area as defined in the document. Both parties agree that call volume in those areas is similar and no funds will change hands under this Agreement.

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

We believe that providing emergency fire and ems services with the closest emergency unit, regardless of jurisdiction, is in the best interest of the community and its inhabitants.

**Options:**

1. Approve the Resolution authorizing the Interlocal Agreement. Accept the terms of the Interlocal Agreement and authorize the City Manager to sign the Agreement. This will allow the Olympia Fire Department to continue to provide response in Thurston County Fire District 9's area and Thurston County Fire District 9 will continue to provide response to the City.
2. Do not approve the Resolution authorizing the Interlocal Agreement and send back to staff for modification.
3. Do not approve the Resolution authorizing the Interlocal Agreement and end the relationship with Thurston County Fire District 9 for Emergency Services.

**Financial Impact:**

None

**Attachments:**

Resolution  
Agreement