



## City Council

# Approval of a Resolution Authorizing an Interlocal Agreement with Washington Consolidated Technology Services for Fire Protection 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 a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to sign an Interlocal Agreement between the City of Olympia (City) and Washington Consolidated Technology Services (WaTech) for Fire Protection services for the July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024 fiscal year.

### Report

#### Issue:

Whether to approve a Resolution authorizing the Interlocal Agreement with WaTech for Fire Protection services and subsequent billing for WaTech during the July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024 fiscal year, as allowed per RCW 35.21.779.

#### Staff Contact:

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#### Presenter(s):

None - Consent Calendar Item

#### Background and Analysis:

Since 1993, the City of Olympia has billed the State for Fire Protection services. This billing is allowed per RCW 35.21.779. The RCW stipulates that when the estimated value of State facilities sited in a municipality equals 10 percent or more of that municipality's total assessed valuation, State agencies owning those facilities shall enter into a compulsory fire protection contract with the

municipality to provide an equitable share of the fire protection costs.

State of Washington properties in Olympia, including the Washington State Consolidated Technology Services (WaTech) building at 1500 Jefferson Street, do total to an assessed value of 10 percent. The 1500 Jefferson Street building is included in the calculation used to determine the amount of State property located in the City of Olympia.

The building at 1500 Jefferson Street, occupied by WaTech, chooses to negotiate separately from Department of Enterprise Services for their building(s) on the Capitol Campus. The agreement for the remainder of the Department of Enterprise Services buildings and their fire protection agreement will come forward as a separate action on the November 21, 2023, business meeting agenda. The amount of the WaTech contract for the 2023-2024 fiscal year is \$130,000.00. This reflects a \$15,000.00 increase from the previous contract.

**Climate Analysis:**

The impacts of this agreement have been applied through the climate lens of the Climate Framework. Providing fire protection and emergency response resources to state owned properties helps to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Greenhouse gas emissions are reduced when safe and effective emergency response reduces the loss of life and property. This agreement indirectly supports the objectives of the Climate Framework.

**Equity Analysis:**

The impacts of this agreement have been applied through the equity lens of the Equity Framework. Providing fire protection and emergency response resources to state owned properties meets this initiative's intent by supporting life safety and property conservation for all groups and reducing loss of life and property. The universal protection of life and property is rooted in justness and inherently supports the Equity Framework's intent.

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

Fire response to 1500 Jefferson Street is critical to the safety of those who work in the building, as well as the surrounding neighbors.

**Financial Impact:**

The City will receive \$130,000.00 from WaTech during the 2023-2024 fiscal year. Additionally, under a separate contract, the City will receive funding from Washington State Department of Enterprise Services for buildings also on the State Campus.

**Options:**

1. Move to approve the Resolution authorizing the Interlocal Agreement: Accept the terms of the Interlocal Agreement and authorize the City Manager to sign the agreement.
2. Do not approve the Resolution authorizing the Interlocal Agreement and send it back to staff. Expected revenues for the 2023 to 2024 fiscal year from the State may not be collected as anticipated.
3. Consider the Resolution authorizing the Interlocal Agreement at another time.

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**Attachments:**

Resolution  
Agreement