



City Council

Approval of Interlocal Agreement with City of Lacey for Wastewater Services

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Recommended Action

Committee Recommendation:

Not referred to a committee.

City Manager Recommendation:

Move to authorize the Mayor to sign the Interlocal agreement for the City of Olympia, and forward the Olympia-approved agreement to the City of Lacey.

Body

Issue:

A proposed development located on the east side of Sleater-Kinney Road in Lacey is requesting sanitary service from the City of Olympia wastewater pipe. The interlocal agreement between Olympia and Lacey allows a limited number of parcels in Lacey to connect to Olympia's wastewater system.

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Presenter(s):

None - Consent Calendar Item

Background and Analysis:

Olympia's wastewater system provides service in the urban growth area along the west side of Sleater-Kinney Road from Martin Way north to approximately 18th Avenue. The City of Lacey is responsible to provide service on the east side of Sleater-Kinney.

A proposed development in Lacey on the east side of Sleater-Kinney Road north of 6th Avenue would like to connect to the Olympia wastewater system. Olympia and Lacey wastewater programs support the request as an efficient and effective means to serve the development with sanitary sewer.

As proposed, the interlocal agreement between the two cities would allow the potential connection of 22 parcels in Lacey to the Olympia pipe (See attachment). Many of the parcels are already developed as single-family residences using onsite septic systems. Residents who want to convert from onsite sewage systems

to sanitary sewer would be allowed to connect to the Olympia system.

Olympia's wastewater utility has capacity to accommodate the additional connections. Operational costs to Olympia would be offset by utility revenues. The agreement does not include a termination date.

The Washington Department of Ecology has approved the proposed change in wastewater service areas as defined by the interlocal agreement.

Neighborhood/Community Interests (if known):

Those residents currently on septic systems will have an option to hook up to wastewater service in the event that their septic system fails.

Options:

1. Approve the interlocal agreement with Lacey.
2. Decline the interlocal agreement. Potential development on the east side of Sleater-Kinney would need to evaluate other options for wastewater service.

Financial Impact:

Option 1 would generate Olympia wastewater utility revenues without prompting appreciable new City expenses. Overall, the cost for new developments to connect to sanitary sewer would be minimized.