



City Council

Approval of a Resolution Authorizing the First Amendment to Interlocal Agreement with the City of Tumwater for the Study of a Regional Fire Authority

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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 the First Amendment to Interlocal Agreement Between the City of Olympia and the City of Tumwater for the Study of a Regional Fire Authority.

Report

Issue:

Whether to extend the term of the Interlocal Agreement Between the City of Olympia and the City of Tumwater for the Study of a Regional Fire Authority.

Staff Contact:

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Presenter(s):

None; consent calendar item only.

Background and Analysis:

On May 19, 2021, the cities of Olympia and Tumwater (the Cities) entered into an interlocal agreement to explore the formation of a Regional Fire Authority (RFA) to provide fire and emergency services within the boundaries of the two cities and to share the costs of the study of an RFA (Agreement). Subsequently, the Cities formed the Regional Fire Authority Planning Committee (Planning Committee) to review the formation of an RFA and associated service delivery and financing plan to provide fire protection and emergency medical services within the boundaries of the City of Olympia and the City of Tumwater.

The Planning Committee has accomplished significant progress, having made a recommendation at their November 14, 2022, meeting to the respective city councils to form a Regional Fire Authority. In order to continue the Cities' collaborative work on an RFA, staff recommends the amending the Agreement by extending the term to October 1, 2023.

Neighborhood/Community Interests (if known):

A Regional Fire Authority may provide options to improve fire service delivery in the Olympia and Tumwater communities. The RFA planning process will continue to engage both communities in this evaluation.

Options:

1. Move to approve the Resolution Approving the First Amendment to the Interlocal Agreement Between the City of Olympia and the City of Tumwater for the Study of a Regional Fire Authority
2. Direct staff to modify the Resolution or the First Amendment to the Interlocal Agreement with Council-directed revisions. This will take coordination and review by the City of Tumwater.
3. Do not approve the Resolution or extension of the Interlocal Agreement.

Financial Impact:

The cost of continuing with a Regional Fire Authority planning process is estimated to cost \$150,000 (Olympia's share). Funding is available through 2020 Year End Savings.

Attachments:

Resolution
Amendment
Agreement