

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON, AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF OLYMPIA AND PUGET SOUND ENERGY FOR THE PUGET SOUND ENERGY RESIDENTIAL DECARBONIZATION GRANTS PROGRAM

WHEREAS, in 2021, the Olympia City Council adopted Resolution No. M-2194 declaring a state of climate emergency, given that the climate crisis poses an urgent threat to the health and well-being of our City, region, state, country, and world, making climate change a current and imminent crisis which intersects with all other crises facing humanity and our planet; and

WHEREAS, the Olympia City Council adopted Resolution No. M-2320 pledging to reduce Olympia’s greenhouse gas emissions by 59% compared to a 2019 baseline by 2030, and achieve net-zero community-wide emissions by 2040; and

WHEREAS, residential buildings are one of the largest sources of emissions in Olympia, and the Climate Chapter of the Olympia 2045 Comprehensive Plan includes Policy PL5.8, “Provide technical guidance and other incentives to encourage electrification and energy efficiency retrofits in existing buildings. Prioritize retrofits in overburdened communities and include protections to avoid displacement and financial burden on renters and small businesses”; and

WHEREAS, according to a 2016 study by ACEEE and Energy Efficiency for All, low-income, Black, and Latinx communities spend a much higher share of their income on energy. Additionally, this study found that 97 percent of excess energy burdens for renting households could be eliminated by bringing their homes up to median efficiency standards; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of Olympia recognizes that preservation of existing rental housing stock is of tremendous importance. Rental housing provides affordable housing for many and is a valuable asset that must be preserved and maintained. The City of Olympia has a significant interest in ensuring that rental housing remains a safe and desirable housing option for its residents; and

WHEREAS, in 2023 the City of Olympia partnered with Olympia Community Solar to envision and plan the SHARE Accelerator program, to provide streamlined technical support, guidance, and incentives to weatherize, electrify, and improve the resilience of affordable rental housing within the City of Olympia; and

WHEREAS, the City launched the SHARE Accelerator Pilot in March of 2026, with a goal to weatherize, electrify, and improve the resilience of 10 affordable rental housing units; and

WHEREAS, the Puget Sound Energy (PSE) Residential Decarbonization Grants Program, administered by Puget Sound Energy, provides grants to eligible agencies to replace natural gas equipment with energy-efficient electric alternatives; and

WHEREAS, the PSE Residential Decarbonization Grants Program is supported with funding from Washington’s Climate Commitment Act (CCA) and the CCA supports Washington’s climate action efforts by putting cap-and-invest dollars to work reducing climate pollution, creating jobs, and improving public health; and

WHEREAS, the City of Olympia applied for and was awarded a \$350,000 PSE Residential Decarbonization Grant to fund targeted electrification upgrades, including heat pump space conditioning, heat pump water heaters, and enabling electrical upgrades in rental units through the Safe Housing and Rental Efficiency (SHARE) Accelerator pilot program; and

WHEREAS, per Olympia Municipal Code Subsection 3.16.020.C, it is necessary for the City Council to approve the Grant Agreement and authorize the signature of all documents necessary to obligate funds for the Project;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE OLYMPIA CITY COUNCIL RESOLVES as follows:

1. The Olympia City Council hereby approves the agreement between the City of Olympia and Puget Sound Energy for the PSE Residential Decarbonization Grant Program and the terms and conditions contained therein.
2. The City manager or his designee is directed and authorized to execute on behalf of the City of Olympia the agreement between the City of Olympia and Puget Sound Energy for the PSE Residential Decarbonization Grant Program, and to make any amendments or minor modifications as may be required and are consistent with the intent of the Grant Agreement, and to correct any scrivener’s errors.

PASSED BY THE OLYMPIA CITY COUNCIL this _____ day of _____ 2026.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Michael M. Young

SENIOR DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY