



Staff Report

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Interlocal agreement renewal with East County Fire and Rescue

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BACKGROUND: Since 1978, CWFD has provided ambulance response and transport to the residents of East County Fire and Rescue through an interlocal agreement (ILA). The most recent iteration of this agreement expired in 2020. Council and ECFR Board agreed to extend the contract for 1-year, to allow more time for evaluating needed changes to a long-term ILA renewal.

SUMMARY: CWFD staff met with ECFR Board members and the fire chief and employed financial consultant Paul Lewis for assistance in reviewing the agreement. The attached ILA ultimately had no substantive changes outside of some language cleanup and updated term. The ECFR Board has approved of the new ILA and the City Attorney has reviewed as to form. Washougal City Manager David Scott has also been updated and expressed no issues with the new ILA.

EQUITY CONSIDERATIONS:

What are the desired results and outcomes for this agenda item?

Council discussion of this ILA at workshop and subsequent approval of the renewal on the regular meeting consent agenda of the May 17 meeting.

What's the data? What does the data tell us?

The data demonstrates that it is beneficial to both ECFR and the City of Camas to have this new ILA approved.

How have communities been engaged? Are there opportunities to expand engagement?

There has been no specific community outreach on this topic outside of discussion in open public meetings at previous Council workshops and ECFR Board meetings.

Who will benefit from, or be burdened by this agenda item?

The citizens of both Camas and ECFR will benefit from this continued service, which provides for ambulance response and transport to rural ECFR residents. There is no anticipated burden from this ILA.

What are the strategies to mitigate any unintended consequences?

The continuation of this ILA will be evaluated on an on-going basis by the East County Ambulance Advisory Board, which meets quarterly.

Does this agenda item have a differential impact on underserved populations, people living with disabilities, and/or communities of color? Please provide available data to illustrate this impact.

The renewal of this ILA would have no known differential impact on underserved populations. If the ILA were not renewed, citizens of ECFR would be disproportionately impacted as they would lose ambulance response and transport coverage.

Will this agenda item improve ADA accessibilities for people with disabilities?

Renewal of this ILA will not directly impact ADA accessibility.

What potential hurdles exist in implementing this proposal (include both operational and political)?

Elected officials in both Camas and ECFR have previously expressed interest in renewing this ILA, so there should be no political hurdles. Operations will not be impacted as it will be a continuation of current practices.

How will you ensure accountabilities, communicate, and evaluate results?

The East County Ambulance Advisory Board meets quarterly and will provide ongoing supervision and continual review of this agreement.

How does this item support a comprehensive plan goal, policy or other adopted resolution?

N/A

BUDGET IMPACT: There will be no negative budgetary impact by approval of this ILA.

RECOMMENDATION: Discussion at workshop and Council approval of this item on the May 17 regular meeting consent agenda.