



Staff Report

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Resolution to Approve Interlocal Agreement Related to Historic and Cultural Resources
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BACKGROUND: Clark County has presented an amended form of Interlocal Agreement to supersede and replace the 1996 Agreement.

SUMMARY: Clark County established the Historic Preservation Commission on December 23, 1981, which provides for the identification, evaluation, and protection of historic and prehistoric resources within the county. The Historic Preservation Commission is responsible for maintaining the Clark County Heritage Register and is intended to encourage the preservation, restoration, and rehabilitation of eligible historic, and cultural resources within the county for future generations. There are eight registered historic properties within the city and many more sites that are considered to be eligible for listing.

EQUITY CONSIDERATIONS:

- 1) What are the desired results and outcomes for this agenda item?
 - ⇒ To continue partnership with Clark County to identify, evaluate, and protect historic and prehistoric resources within the city.
- 2) What's the data? What does the data tell us?
 - ⇒ Preservation of the city's historic structures and cultural places are key to ensuring that the unique heritage of the city is not lost.
- 3) How have communities been engaged? Are there opportunities to expand engagement?
 - ⇒ The Historic Preservation Commission has hosted educational events in Camas to provide information to the public and owners of historic properties in recent years. They also presented information during a workshop to Council in 2018 with an offer to return when invited. There is a free app available to anyone interested in learning more about the historic sites throughout the county (search "Historic Clark County") and online at: <https://clark.wa.gov/community-planning/historic-sites>.

- 4) Who will benefit from or be burdened by this agenda item?
⇒ Preservation of historic resources benefits the city now and into the future.
- 5) What are the strategies to mitigate any unintended consequences?
⇒ No unintended consequences have been identified.
- 6) 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.
⇒ Prior to the city's incorporation, the area was used frequently by indigenous people for fishing and gathering of food, such as the Camas Lily that is still found in the northern part of the city.
- 7) Will this agenda item improve ADA accessibility for people with disabilities?
⇒ This agreement does not affect the built environment.
- 8) What potential hurdles exist in implementing this proposal (include both operational and political)?
⇒ None identified.
- 9) How will you ensure accountability, communicate, and evaluate results?
⇒ The Clark County Historic Preservation Commission provides an annual report of their activities.
- 10) How does this item support a comprehensive plan goal, policy or other adopted resolution?
⇒ The partnership supports goal #13 of the Growth Management Act, "Identify and encourage the preservation of lands, sites, and structures, that have historical or archaeological significance." It also supports the city's comprehensive plan policy NE-1.5: "Protect, conserve, and manage existing natural resources and valuable historic and cultural areas in order to ensure their long-term preservation."

BUDGET IMPACT: None. No financial support required.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends that Council move to approve the Interlocal Agreement by and between Clark County, the Cities of Camas, Washougal, Ridgefield, La Center, Battle Ground, Vancouver, and the Town of Yacolt Concerning Cultural and Historic Resources and authorize the Mayor to execute the Agreement on behalf of the City.