



AGENDA ACTION FORM

Consideration of a Resolution for Authorization to Sign an Agreement with Bethel University for Tuition Discount for Employees

To: Board of Mayor and Aldermen
From: Chris McCartt, City Manager *CM*

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Presentation By: Tyra Copas

Recommendation:

Approve the Resolution.

Executive Summary:

Bethel University is offering the City of Kingsport employees a discount on the standard tuition rate for those who enroll in one of Bethel's online degree programs. In addition to the discount, Bethel will waive their application fee.

There is no minimum commitment on the number of individuals enrolled, and the city can withdraw from the partnership agreement at any time with no penalty.

This agreement is similar to the agreement established in 2022 with King University (AF-182-2022).

The city currently has employees enrolled in a Bethel University online degree program, who would be able to benefit from the discount. In addition, this agreement aligns with our retention efforts related to the training and development of our employees.

Attachments:

Resolution
Contract
Application and Attachment A

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Cooper	—	—	—
Duncan	—	—	—
George	—	—	—
Montgomery	—	—	—
Olterman	—	—	—
Phillips	—	—	—
Shull	—	—	—