

# CITY OF LAKE FOREST PARK CITY COUNCIL AGENDA COVER SHEET

Meeting Date November 13, 2025

**Originating Department** Finance Department

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**Title** Resolution 25-2043/Authorizing the Mayor to Sign an Interlocal

Agreement with Yakima County Technology Services for Offsite Data

Storage

# **Legislative History**

First Presentation
 November 13, 2025 Regular Meeting

#### **Attachments:**

- 1. Resolution 25-2043
- 2. Interlocal Agreement with Yakima County Technology Services

#### **Executive Summary**

The proposed Interlocal Agreement with Yakima County Technology Services ("ILA") provides a needed data storage solution and offsite disaster recovery server site. The ILA is for a one-year term and costs \$6,500. The City has entered into ILAs with Yakima County Technology Services ("Yakima County") for these services since 2020.

In 2019, the City began looking for another information technology data storage solution when the Washington State Archives facility eliminated the option to store backup tapes for cities. It was also recognized that the City lacked an offsite disaster recovery server. Such servers are considered a best practice in the event of a cyberattack or a natural disaster. Implementing an offsite disaster recovery server improves the City's resiliency to and minimizes the downtime or loss resulting from an unexpected cyberattack or natural disaster.

### **Background**

The City needed an offsite backup and disaster recovery server in a location far enough away not to be affected by the same natural disaster. Yakima County offers this service to multiple other cities

throughout Western Washington. The City has created an excellent working relationship with the Information Technology team at Yakima County.

# **Fiscal & Policy Implications**

The ILA with Yakima County costs will increase to \$6,500 in 2026. The increased costs are due to adding one additional rack unit, totaling 3 racks, and also increasing the dedicated internet access.

# **Alternatives**

Options	Results
<ul> <li>Adopt the Resolution authorizing the Interlocal Agreement with Yakima County's Technology Services</li> </ul>	Provides a disaster recovery offsite backup storage facility in the event of an emergency that moves the City a step closer to the ideal best practice recommendations.
Do not approve the Resolution	Risk losing data in the event of a natural disaster or a cyberattack, and potentially incurring greater expense because other offsite options are more expensive.

### **Staff Recommendation**

Adopt the Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Sign an Interlocal Agreement with Yakima County Technology Services for Offsite Data Storage.