

CITY OF TENINO, WASHINGTON
ORDINANCE NO. 943

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TENINO, WASHINGTON, PROVIDING FOR THE DISSOLUTION OF THE TENINO POLICE DEPARTMENT; AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO CONTRACT WITH THE THURSTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES; ABOLISHING CERTAIN POSITIONS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, The City of Tenino has historically provided law enforcement services through its municipal police department; and

WHEREAS, The City Council has determined that it is in the best interests of the City to ensure the efficient and cost-effective delivery of law enforcement services; and

WHEREAS, The City Council has evaluated alternatives, including contracting with the Thurston County Sheriff's Office for such services; and

WHEREAS, The City Council has determined that dissolving the Tenino Police Department and contracting with Thurston County will promote fiscal responsibility and continuity of service;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TENINO DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. DISSOLUTION OF POLICE DEPARTMENT. Effective June 15, 2026, the Tenino Police Department is hereby dissolved.

SECTION 2. AUTHORIZATION TO CONTRACT. The Mayor is authorized to negotiate and execute an interlocal agreement or contract with Thurston County for the provision of law enforcement services, subject to approval as required by law.

SECTION 3. ABOLISHMENT OF POSITIONS. Effective June 15, 2026, all positions within the Tenino Police Department are hereby abolished. Any employees holding such positions shall be separated from City employment due to organizational restructuring and position elimination, and not for disciplinary reasons.

SECTION 4. CIVIL SERVICE COMPLIANCE. The City shall comply with all applicable civil service laws, collective bargaining agreements, and state and federal employment laws, including but not limited to notice requirements, reemployment lists, and benefits administration.

SECTION 5. SEVERABILITY. If any provision of this ordinance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the remaining provisions.

SECTION 6. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Ordinance shall take effect five (5) days after publication as required by law.

PASSED by the City Council of the City of Tenino at a regular meeting thereof this ____ day of _____, 2026.

CITY OF TENINO

David Watterson, Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Attorney