

ORDINANCE NO. O2022-027

AN ORDINANCE of the City Council of the City of Tumwater, Washington, amending Chapter 3.36 of the Tumwater Municipal Code by adding a new Section, 3.36.050, to establish a new Law Enforcement Records Management System (LERMS) fund.

WHEREAS, the City of Tumwater is part of an interlocal, quasi-governmental organization called the Law Enforcement Records Management System (LERMS), which contracts for a software system that manages police records; and

WHEREAS, the LERMS system is important to several cities in Thurston County, including the City of Tumwater; and

WHEREAS, the lead organization, the City of Olympia, is no longer able to manage and administer the system on behalf of the member organizations; and

WHEREAS, the City of Tumwater has the knowledge and expertise to take over the management and administration of the system; and

WHEREAS, the money collected, maintained, safeguarded and spent to run this organization must be accounted for separately from all other City funds; and

WHEREAS, one of the City’s strategic goals is to refine and sustain a great organization; and

WHEREAS, the City’s strategic objectives are to be fiscally responsible and develop sustainable financial strategies; and

WHEREAS, adding a new fund to separately record, track, and safeguard money for the LERMS organization will increase operational efficiency, improve budgeting, and increase transparency;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TUMWATER, STATE OF WASHINGTON, DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. A new section 3.36.050, Law Enforcement Records Management System (LERMS) fund, is hereby added to the Tumwater Municipal Code as follows:

3.36.050 Law Enforcement Records Management System (LERMS) fund.

- A. There is established a fund to be known as the “Law Enforcement Records Management System (LERMS) fund,” to be used for the expenditures for salaries, wages, contracts, audits and operations required for the use, maintenance,

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upgrades, purchase and replacement of the LERMS system. The Fund shall also be used for the receipting and safekeeping of funds paid from the participating jurisdictions.

- B. Any excess funds not needed for immediate expenditures, at the discretion of the Finance Director, may be invested in the Local Government Investment Pool (LGIP) and may earn interest.

Section 3. Corrections. The City Clerk and codifiers of this ordinance are authorized to make necessary corrections to this ordinance including, but not limited to, the correction of scrivener/clerical errors, references, ordinance numbering, section/subsection numbers and any references thereto.

Section 4. Ratification. Any act consistent with the authority and prior to the effective date of this ordinance is hereby ratified and affirmed.

Section 5. Severability. The provisions of this ordinance are declared separate and severable. The invalidity of any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, section, or portion of this ordinance or the invalidity of the application thereof to any person or circumstance, shall not affect the validity of the remainder of the ordinance, or the validity of its application to other persons or circumstances.

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Section 6. Effective Date. This ordinance shall become effective five (5) days after passage, approval and publication as provided by law.

ADOPTED this 6th day of December, 2022.

CITY OF TUMWATER

Debbie Sullivan, Mayor

ATTEST:

Melody Valiant, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Karen Kirkpatrick, City Attorney

Published:_____

Effective Date:_____