

TO: City Council
FROM: John Doan, City Administrator
DATE: December 6, 2022
SUBJECT: Interlocal Agreement with Olympia for Regional Fire Authority Amendment 1

1) Recommended Action:

Approve and authorize the Mayor to sign the First Amendment to the Interlocal Agreement Regarding the Study of a Regional Fire Authority by the Cities of Olympia and Tumwater.

2) Background:

In 2019, a study of fire and emergency medical services regionalization options was completed which identified several alternatives to pursue improved service and greater efficiency. In late 2020, Olympia and Tumwater initiated conversations about the formation of a Regional Fire Authority (RFA). In May 2021, the City of Tumwater signed an Interlocal Agreement with the City of Olympia regarding the study of a Regional Fire Authority that established the framework for sharing costs and created the RFA Planning Committee. In November 2022, the RFA Planning Committee issued the recommendation of placing the Regional Fire Authority on the ballot in 2023.

The only change in this amendment is extending the Interlocal Agreement to October 2023 for the formation of the RFA, if approved by voters.

3) Policy Support:

Strategic Priority: Provide and Sustain Quality Public Safety Services

- Explore regional fire and emergency medical services.
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4) Alternatives:

- ☐ Do not extend the Interlocal Agreement.
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5) Fiscal Notes:

There is no additional cost from extending the date of this interlocal agreement. Funds to support RFA transition are in the 23/24 budget.

6) Attachments:

- A. First Amendment to Interlocal Agreement Regarding the Study of a Regional Fire Authority by the Cities of Olympia and Tumwater
- B. Interlocal Agreement Regarding the Study of a Regional Fire Authority By the Cities of Olympia and Tumwater