

TO: City Council  
FROM: Brian Hurley, Fire Chief  
DATE: April 19, 2022  
SUBJECT: JBLM Fire Mutual Aid Agreement

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1) Recommended Action:

Staff recommends approving and authorizing the Mayor to sign the agreement.

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2) Background:

The City of Tumwater maintains mutual aid response agreements for firefighting and emergency services with multiple agencies. Agreements are in place with all Thurston County fire departments and with agencies such as the Department of Natural Resources. This agreement would allow for mutual requests of available resources including structural firefighting, wildland firefighting, emergency medical services, hazardous materials response, and aircraft rescue firefighting. Currently, there is no Hazardous Materials Response resource within Thurston County. Many agencies in the County have a mutual aid response agreement in place with JBLM Fire and Emergency Services, which includes the ability to request their Hazardous Materials Response team. Having this agreement in place will formalize our relationship with JBLM Fire and Emergency Services and promote enhanced training and response capabilities.

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3) Policy Support:

Strategic Priority: Provide and Sustain Quality Public Services

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4) Alternatives:

- ☐ Modify the agreement
  - ☐ Do not approve the agreement
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5) Fiscal Notes:

In the absence of this agreement, the City of Tumwater would be billed for services requested from JBLM Fire and Emergency Services.

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6) Attachments:

A. MAA 437 Tumwater FD Agreement