

TO: Public Health & Safety Committee
FROM: Jay Mason, Chief of Police
DATE: September 9, 2025
SUBJECT: Interlocal Agreement with the Tumwater School District for the School Resource Officer program

1) Recommended Action:

Place the intergovernmental agreement with the Tumwater School District for School Resource Officers on the September 16, 2025, City Council consent calendar with a recommendation to approve and authorize the Mayor to sign.

Alternatively, place the intergovernmental agreement with the Tumwater School District for School Resource Officers on the September 16, 2025, City Council consideration calendar with a recommendation to approve and authorize the Mayor to sign.

2) Background:

In 2016 the School Resource Officer (SRO) program expanded from one officer serving the Tumwater School District to two officers. The officers' primary service is to the two high schools and two middle schools, with secondary service to the six elementary schools. Since 2016, the school district has paid the base salary, premium pay, and benefits costs for one officer. The City of Tumwater pays for all other associated costs. The current contract with the school district is set to expire on December 31, 2025 and the contract before you today is to continue this partnership from January 1, 2026 to December 31, 2028.

The Public Health and Safety Committee was presented with the SRO contract at its July meeting. At that time, members asked that additional language be added to the contract to specify data collection regarding the officers' daily work. This language has been added to Section VIII. Responsibilities of School District. The attached contract also includes "track changes" to show the changes made from the previous SRO contract.

3) Policy Support:

2025-2026 Strategic Priority: *"Provide and Sustain Quality Public Safety Services"*

4) Alternatives:

The alternative would be returning to our prior level of service of one officer serving the Tumwater schools and all costs paid by the City.

5) Fiscal Notes:

The Tumwater School District will reimburse the City of Tumwater \$610,430.00 (2026 = \$193,634.00, 2027 = \$203,315, and 2028 = \$213,481).

6) Attachments:

- A. Interlocal Agreement between the City of Tumwater and the Tumwater School District for the School Resource Officer program (2026-2028)
- B. Interlocal Agreement between the City of Tumwater and the Tumwater School District for the School Resource Officer program (2026-2028) – track changes version