

TO: City Council
FROM: John Doan, City Administrator
DATE: March 28, 2023
SUBJECT: Memorandum of Understanding with Squaxin Island Tribe

1) Recommended Action:

This is a briefing only, in anticipation of consideration at the April 4, 2023 Council Meeting.

2) Background:

The City Council and Squaxin Island Tribe Council met on July 7, 2022, where they mutually expressed the desire to formalize their government to government relationship to better achieve mutual goals through communication, good faith, and respect. Staff from the City and Tribe have worked together to draft the attached Memorandum of Understanding that creates an overarching framework for the relationship. It establishes goals and an on-going intergovernmental committee that creates a space for City and Tribal collaboration and coordination on issues of economic well-being, land use regulation, infrastructure planning and development, environmental protection, cultural events, historical and cultural resources protection, and fisheries and habitat restoration. Along with the Memorandum of Understanding, is a Letter of Understanding that builds on the intent established in the Memorandum. The Letter is specific to the provision of services at 7249 Old Hwy 99, which is a new marijuana dispensary operated by the Tribe on trust land. The intergovernmental committee will be tasked with developing a more detailed service agreement for this and future Tribe properties within the City. Both the Memorandum and Letter will eventually require Council authorization.

3) Policy Support:

Strategic Priority: Build a Community Recognized for Quality, Compassion, and Humanity
Goal: Build and Enhance Tribal Relations

4) Alternatives:

For discussion only.

5) Fiscal Notes:

The attached Letter of Understanding provides for a \$2,500 annual contribution from the Tribe to the City toward defraying the costs of public services (primarily police, fire and emergency medical) for the next three years. After that time, the agreement may be revisited.

6) Attachments:

- A. Memorandum of Understanding Between the Squaxin Island Tribe and the City of Tumwater dated April 4, 2023
- B. Letter of Understanding Between the Squaxin Island Tribe and the City of Tumwater dated April 4, 2023