

TO: City Council
FROM: Jon Weiks, Chief of Police
DATE: May 16, 2023
SUBJECT: Letter of Understanding with Squaxin Island Tribe

1) Recommended Action:

Approve and authorize the Chief of Police to sign the Letter of Understanding that implements the April 4, 2023 agreement regarding provision of law enforcement at the Squaxin Island Tribe property at 7233 and 7249 Old Highway 99 in the City of Tumwater.

2) Background:

This Letter of Understanding was completed today and provides the legal authority for Tumwater Police officers to enforce the traffic and criminal laws of the State of Washington on the tribal land. There is urgency to have this in place, as the business opened this week.

3) Policy Support:

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

4) Alternatives:

Changes would require renegotiation with the Tribe.

5) Fiscal Notes:

The Tribe is contributing \$2,500.00 annually toward the cost of services.

6) Attachments:

A. Letter of Understanding with Squaxin Island Tribe