

TO: Public Health & Safety Committee
FROM: Jay Mason, Chief of Police
DATE: September 16, 2025
SUBJECT: Interlocal Agreement with the Tumwater School District for the School Resource Officer program

1) Recommended Action:

Authorize the Mayor to sign the intergovernmental agreement with the Tumwater School District for School Resource Officers.

This agreement was recommended for approval on the considerations calendar by the Public Health & Safety Committee at their September 9, 2025, meeting.

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.

3) Policy Support:

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

4) Alternatives:

Reject the interlocal agreement with the Tumwater School District and disband the School Resource Officer program.

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)