

TO: City Council
FROM: Brian Hurley, Fire Chief
DATE: February 17, 2026
SUBJECT: Interlocal Agreement with Thurston County for Emergency Management

1) Recommended Action:

Authorize the Mayor to sign the Interlocal Agreement with Thurston County for Emergency Management Services.

The agreement was recommended for approval on the consent calendar at the February 10, 2026, Public Health and Safety Committee meeting.

2) Background:

The City maintains an Emergency Management program and has an approved Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan. The City Administrator and Fire Chief lead the program with the support of the City Emergency Management Committee. In order to be prepared to respond to all phases of a disaster, the City must maintain up-to-date plans and have regular training and exercises for staff. As the City has grown, it has been identified that additional support is needed to have an effective Emergency Management program. The City has explored partnership opportunities and this proposal is a partnership with Thurston County Emergency Management for support with planning, training, exercises and support during response to emergency disaster events.

3) Policy Support:

- Strategic Priorities and Goals 2026-2032:
 - 2026 Focus Area Action Item: Explore and implement partnerships to improve efficiency of emergency service delivery.
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4) Alternatives:

- Do not authorize
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5) Fiscal Notes:

2026 contract amount \$80,000. Funds allocated in current biennial budget

6) Attachments:

- A. Interlocal Agreement Between Thurston County and the City of Tumwater for Emergency Management Services