

TO: City Council  
FROM: Brian Hurley, Fire Chief  
DATE: March 5, 2024  
SUBJECT: Forestland Response Agreement Amendment No. 1 with the Department of Natural Resources

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1) Recommended Action:

Authorize the Mayor to sign the Forestland Response Agreement Amendment No. 1 with the Washington State Department of Natural Resources.

The agreement was reviewed at the City Council Work Session on February 27, 2024.

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2) Background:

The City has an existing Forestland Response Agreement with the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) that expires on March 19, 2024. The agreement provides for mutual assistance and cooperation in the control and suppression of forestland fires. The Forestland Response Agreement is an important tool outlining mutual aid and wildland fire dispatch processes leading to collaboration across jurisdictions to safely suppress unwanted fire. The DNR is working on a Forestland Response Agreement template update but that will not be available for the 2024 fire season. The purpose of this agreement is to extend the existing agreement through the end of 2025.

<https://weblink.ci.tumwater.wa.us/public/0/doc/388730/Page1.aspx>

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3) Policy Support:

Strategic Priorities and Goals 2023-24: Provide and Sustain Quality Public Safety Services

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4) Alternatives:

Do not recommend

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5) Fiscal Notes:

None

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6) Attachments:

A. Forestland Response Agreement Amendment No. 1