

TO: City Council
FROM: Brian Hurley, Fire Chief
DATE: June 16, 2026
SUBJECT: Intergovernmental Agreement with Department of Natural Resources for Forestland Response

1) Recommended Action:

Authorize the Mayor to sign the Intergovernmental Agreement with Department of Natural Resources for Forestland Response.

The agreement was recommended for approval on the consent calendar at the June 9, 2026 Public Health and Safety Committee meeting.

2) Background:

The purpose of this agreement is to provide for mutual assistance and cooperation in the control and suppression of forestland fire in and around the city. The agreement provides for Tumwater to assist DNR with properties that are considered forestland, and for DNR to assist Tumwater for assistance with any wildfire in Tumwater. The agreement also provides for reimbursement for the city when supporting wildland fire suppression outside of Tumwater's boundaries when requested by DNR.

This agreement replaces a substantially similar agreement that expired in 2024 and was extended by amendment one time for 2025. This agreement will run through May 31, 2030.

3) Policy Support:

Focus Area: Health and Safety

Goal Statement: Provide and sustain quality public safety services.

4) Alternatives:

None

5) Fiscal Notes:

None

6) Attachments:

A. Intergovernmental agreement with Department of Natural Resources for Forestland Response