

TO: City Council
FROM: Brad Medrud, Planning Manager
DATE: February 21, 2023
SUBJECT: Interlocal Agreement Amendment Two with Regional Housing Council (Thurston County, Cities of Lacey, Olympia, Tumwater, and Yelm) for Regional Housing Council Structure

1) Recommended Action:

Approve Regional Housing Council Interlocal Agreement Amendment Two

2) Background:

Working together with Thurston County and the cities of Lacey, Olympia, and Yelm, elected officials and staff drafted an interlocal agreement to establish the roles and responsibilities of the Regional Housing Council. The intent of the Interlocal Agreement was to create the Regional Housing Council to aid in efficient and effective decision making related to responding to the homeless and housing affordability crisis.

The City Council approved the original Regional Housing Council Interlocal Agreement for signature by the Mayor at their January 5, 2021 regular meeting. The Agreement created the Regional Housing Council.

Amendment One to the Regional Housing Council Interlocal Agreement was adopted on April 30, 2021. The amendment added clarification and requirements to how the signatories of the Interlocal Agreement would manage and make decisions concerning RCW 82.14.540 ("SHB 1406") funds.

Amendment Two is needed to create an administrative/executive arm to effectively guide the Regional Housing Council on its recommendations for the use of the Sales and Use tax for Housing and Related services adopted by Thurston County and the City of Olympia.

The General Government Committee was briefed on the proposed amendment at their February 8, 2023 meeting and recommended that it go to City Council consent.

3) Policy Support:

Housing Element Goal H-3: To provide adequate, affordable housing for residents of all income groups, including sufficient housing affordable to low and moderate-income groups.

4) Alternatives:

- ☐ Take off consent, modify and approve the Regional Housing Council Interlocal Agreement Amendment Two for signature by the Mayor
 - ☐ Take off consent and reject the Regional Housing Council Interlocal Agreement Amendment Two
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5) Fiscal Notes:

Regional Housing Council participation is an internally funded work program task. Expected City contributions are outlined in the Interlocal Agreement and the Staff Report and consistent with current practice. This agreement commits the City to a goal of making 1406 housing monies available for a regional project.

6) Attachments:

- A. Staff Report
- B. Regional Housing Council Interlocal Agreement Amendment Two