

TO: City Council
FROM: Jon Weiks, Chief of Police
DATE: June 4, 2024
SUBJECT: Letter of Understanding with Squaxin Island Tribe

1) Recommended Action:

Approve and authorize the Chief of Police to sign the updated Letter of Understanding with Squaxin Island Tribe to provide law enforcement services to any Squaxin Island Tribal land located within the City of Tumwater.

2) Background:

In 2023 an initial Letter of Understanding was signed with the Squaxin Island Tribe, which provided Tumwater Police officers the authority to enforce the traffic and criminal laws of the State of Washington for a specific property owned and developed by the Tribe located within the City of Tumwater. This implemented a provision for law enforcement services that was part of a previously signed 2023 Memorandum of Understanding between Squaxin Island Tribe and City of Tumwater. Since then, the Tribe has purchased another property within the City of Tumwater and that property is currently being developed. As such, and looking towards the future, an updated Letter of Understanding has been drafted outlining our authority to provide law enforcement services to any Squaxin Island Tribe land within the City of Tumwater.

3) Policy Support:

2023-2024 Strategic Priority: *"Provide and Sustain Quality Public Safety Services"*

4) Alternatives:

Changes would require renegotiation with the Tribe.

5) Fiscal Notes:

The Tribe is contributing \$2,500 annually toward the cost of services.

6) Attachments:

- A. 2024 Letter of Understanding with Squaxin Island Tribe
- B. 2023 Memorandum of Understanding between Squaxin Island Tribe and City of Tumwater
- C. 2023 Letter of Understanding with Squaxin Island Tribe