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SUBJECT: Resolution for an Interlocal Agreement with the Port of Tacoma for Mutual Cooperation & Support Regarding Agency Stormwater Management – September 22, 2020
DATE: August 20, 2020

SUMMARY AND PURPOSE:

A resolution authorizing the execution of an Interlocal Agreement with the Port of Tacoma for Mutual Cooperation and Support Regarding Agency Stormwater Management.

BACKGROUND:

This Department’s Recommendation is Based On:

A previous Interlocal Agreement (ILA) with the Port of Tacoma for stormwater cooperation was adopted in 2013 under Resolution No. 38724. Since the 2013 ILA, the ILA has been extended through two City Council approved amendments (Resolution Nos. 40073 and 40430). The most recent amendment will expire in September 2020. The Port of Tacoma and Environmental Services have updated the ILA as appropriate for changes related to the 2019 NPDES Phase I Municipal Permit and current practices. This agreement will increase efficient operations for stormwater management for both the Port and the City.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT/ CUSTOMER RESEARCH:

The Customer for this agreement is the Port of Tacoma and their tenants. The proposed ILA has been developed cooperatively with the Port of Tacoma and the Port of Tacoma has considered the needs and feedback of their tenants in the development of the ILA.

2025 STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:

Equity and Accessibility: (Mandatory)

The proposed ILA will help businesses on Port-owned properties to operate with less inspection disruptions from regulatory staff. It will build an enhanced partnership for stormwater management between the City and the Port, and it will allow easier construction permit issuance for businesses on Port-owned property. This may allow businesses on Port-owned properties to be more efficient and competitive and increase their ability to be stable employers.

Economy/Workforce: Equity Index Score: The Economic Opportunity Index ranges from very low to moderate in this area.

Indicator: Increase positive public perception related to the Tacoma economy.

Explain how your legislation will affect the selected indicator(s).

Continued and enhanced cooperation between the City and the Port will increase efficiency of operations and decrease time spent by businesses within the Port to escort inspection staff thorough their sites. The agreement also includes a form for a Maintenance Covenant and Access Agreement for Port Owned properties. This Agreement is required for new and redevelopment projects that install or improve their stormwater facilities. Having a pre-approved Maintenance Covenant and Access Agreement will allow construction permits to be issued more quickly. Through cooperation between the City and the Port, the Public will see that Tacoma is interested in helping businesses be more productive.



ALTERNATIVES:

Alternative	Positive Impact(s)	Negative Impact(s)
1. Do not enter into the agreement.	None	Increased difficulty by City staff in conducting certain business inspections. Less efficient collaboration with the Port of Tacoma for stormwater management.

EVALUATION AND FOLLOW UP:

The ILA has requirements for the administrators of the agreement for both the City and the Port to meet annually to coordinate. The administrators will check in with affected staff to ensure that the actions outlined in the agreement are occurring.

STAFF/SPONSOR RECOMMENDATION:

Approval to enter into an Interlocal Agreement with the Port of Tacoma for Mutual Cooperation and Support Regarding Agency Stormwater Management.

FISCAL IMPACT:

No cost to the City of Tacoma.

What Funding is being used to support the expense?

N/A

Are the expenditures and revenues planned and budgeted in this biennium's current budget?

N/A

Are there financial costs or other impacts of not implementing the legislation?

YES

Not approving the agreement could impact businesses in the Port, make it less efficient to inspect businesses for Environmental Services Environmental Compliance inspectors, make it more difficult for the City to access some of its specific utility assets.

Will the legislation have an ongoing/recurring fiscal impact?

No

Will the legislation change the City's FTE/personnel counts?

No

ATTACHMENTS:

- Proposed 2020 ILA
- Executed 2013 ILA