



## RESOLUTION NO. 41379

1 A RESOLUTION authorizing the execution of an Interlocal Agreement with the  
2 Washington State Department of Natural Resources (“DNR”), to allow  
3 the Tacoma Fire Department to provide personnel or other resources for  
4 wildfire or other emergency response, and to establish DNR’s payment  
5 and reimbursement responsibilities.

6 WHEREAS due to hotter, drier and longer summers, the City of Tacoma  
7 has been experiencing a growing number of brush and wildland urban interface  
8 (“WUI”) fires which often include heavy fuel loads, rugged terrain, limited or  
9 absent water supply systems, and diminished access for standard Tacoma Fire  
10 Department (“TFD”) fire engines, and

11 WHEREAS these target hazard WUI areas are capable of fire behavior  
12 that can impact civilian and firefighter life safety, commercial and residential  
13 infrastructure, and the livelihoods of our community members, and

14 WHEREAS this agreement provides the avenue to grow both operational  
15 skills in firefighting and TFD’s abilities in all-hazard incident management  
16 through participation in wildfire and all-hazard training and response, and

17 WHEREAS the limited purpose of this interlocal agreement is for the  
18 TFD to provide employees, referred to as single resources, equipment, material  
19 and/or services for wildfire or other emergency response and to establish  
20 DNR’s payment and reimbursement responsibilities to TFD for providing such  
21 single resources, equipment material and/or services, and

22 WHEREAS dispatches under this agreement are limited to the State of  
23 Washington, unless the single resource is rostered on a Pacific Northwest  
24 Incident Management Team (“IMT”) type 1, 2 or 3, and  
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WHEREAS the agreement will also provide for the following: 1) ability for TFD firefighters to receive and maintain red card status to the National Wildfire Coordination Group (“NWCG”) standards; 2) provide an arena for TFD personnel to take NWCG classes and gain documented wildfire & all-hazard experience to progress towards advanced qualifications in operations, planning, logistics, finance, public information, and safety; 3) maintain qualifications for personnel to be able to teach at DNR academies and other local courses 4) provide crossover qualifications and experience for All-Hazard incident management, 5) personnel meeting these standards would become wildfire/all-hazard deployment eligible within the State of Washington for wildfire mobilization and nationwide for IMT needs; 6) no set minimum requirements by DNR for number of participating personnel or number of days required to deploy; 7) the DNR Training Officer will maintain all training and experience records for personnel listed under the agreement; and 8) backpay to cover planned shifts and payment for hours worked by mobilized firefighters on overtime days; Now, Therefore,



BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TACOMA:

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That the proper officers of the City are hereby authorized to execute an Interlocal Agreement with the Washington State Department of Natural Resources ("DNR"), to allow the Tacoma Fire Department to provide personnel or other resources for wildfire or other emergency response, and to establish DNR's payment and reimbursement responsibilities, as more specifically set forth in the document on file in the office of the City Clerk.

Adopted \_\_\_\_\_

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Mayor

Attest:  
  
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City Clerk

Approved as to form:  
  
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Deputy City Attorney