

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA TOPIC

Resolution authorizing execution of an Intergovernmental Agreement for EMAC (Emergency Management Assistance Program) and PNEMA (Pacific Northwest Emergency Management Arrangement) with Washington State Military Department, Emergency Management Division, which provides the option for the City of Bellevue to participate in intrastate and state-to-state mutual aid during times of emergency or disaster.

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**ACTION**

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RECOMMENDATION

Move to adopt Resolution No. 10526

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS

EMAC is a nationally adopted state-to-state mutual aid compact that legally establishes a national system to facilitate the sharing of resources across state lines when the governor of the impacted state has declared an emergency and is the primary resource provider when federal support is not warranted. The PNEMA mirrors this mission with the facilitation of the efficient and effective sharing of resources between member jurisdictions within the state of Washington. The City entered into EMAC intergovernmental agreements in 2005, specifically to support recovery efforts to Hurricane Katrina's devastating impact on the Gulf Coast. Our most recent agreement is set to expire July 22, 2025.

Washington State Emergency Management Division (WA EMD) coordinates interstate mutual aid according to the model presented in the National Strategy for Homeland Security. EMAC, Chapter 38.10 RCW, and Public Law 104-321, authorize and direct the deployment of certain necessary mutual aid between the EMAC participants, who are currently all fifty states, Puerto Rico, Guam, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and the District of Columbia. PNEMA and Public Law 105-381 authorize and direct the deployment of certain necessary mutual aid between the PNEMA participants, who are currently the states of Alaska, Idaho, Oregon, and Washington, the Canadian Province of British Columbia, and the Yukon Territory.

The Agreement provides for the use of authorized resources including employees and equipment of the City of Bellevue in responding to requests for EMAC or PNEMA assistance from a participating party in which EMD has identified authorized resources of the City that are qualified and immediately available to deploy and perform the requested EMAC or PNEMA assistance for a requesting participating party.

The Agreement is not an authorization to deploy. EMAC and PNEMA deployment of the City's resources under the agreement would only be authorized as mutually executed by the parties. Once signed, the agreement would be valid for 5 years from the date of execution.

POLICY & FISCAL IMPACTS

Policy Impact

RCW 39.34.080 requires contracts between one or more other public agencies performing governmental services or activities entering the contract to be authorized by the governing body of each party of the contract.

This agreement addresses the strategic target area of the Council's adopted vision, regional leadership and influence as well as the City Council stated 2025-2026 Budget Priority of a Safe & Prepared Community by providing emergency assistance to other government entities.

Fiscal Impact

Pursuant to the Agreement, authorized resources including employees and equipment of the city could be deployed to provide EMAC or PNEMA assistance. The City would be reimbursed by the WA State Military Department for authorized costs incurred as a result of authorized resource deployment as provided in the Agreement.

OPTIONS

1. Adopt the Resolution authorizing execution of an Intergovernmental Agreement for EMAC (Emergency Management Assistance Program) and PNEMA (Pacific Northwest Emergency Management Arrangement) with Washington State Military Department, Emergency Management Division, which provides the option for the City of Bellevue to participate in intrastate and state-to-state mutual aid during times of emergency or disaster.
2. Do not adopt the Resolution and provide alternative direction to staff.

ATTACHMENTS

Proposed Resolution No. 10526

AVAILABLE IN COUNCIL LIBRARY

Contract: U25-047 City of Bellevue EMAC