

## CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION

Resolution authorizing execution of the 2022 – 2025 Interagency Agreement between the Washington State Department of Natural Resources and the City of Bellevue for wildfire or other emergency responses.

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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The City of Bellevue has historically entered into an agreement with the Washington State Department of Natural Resources for wildfire and other emergency responses. This agreement is an updated version of past agreements which successfully addresses the indemnity questions that have been a concern.

## RECOMMENDATION

Move to adopt Resolution No. 10127

## BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS

The Washington State Department of Natural Resources is responsible for preventing and fighting wildfires on 13 million acres of private, state, and tribal-owned forestlands. They operate the state's largest on-call fire department, with more than 1,200 employees trained and available to be dispatched to fires as needed. During fire season, this includes more than 800 permanent Department of Natural Resources employees and about 400 seasonal employees hired for firefighting duties. Additionally, the Department of Natural Resources also participates in Washington's coordinated interagency approach to firefighting and when needed calls upon fire departments across the state to provide additional fire-fighting resources.

This agreement also provides an opportunity for Bellevue Fire personnel to develop skills from events that rarely occur in our community. The agreement must be in place for Bellevue to provide assistance to the Department of Natural Resources managed wildfires and other emergency responses.

## POLICY & FISCAL IMPACTS

### Policy Impact

This agreement allows the City of Bellevue to partner with DNR to aid in fighting wildfires and other emergency responses.

### Fiscal Impact

This Resolution will authorize reimbursement for costs associated with the provision of Fire Department employees and equipment for wildfire or emergency response. There are no matching fund requirements for this agreement.

From the time of mobilization of the personnel and equipment until the personnel are demobilized by the Washington State Department of Natural Resources, the City will be compensated for the response of personnel in accordance with the current employee pay schedules. Equipment rates are determined by the Washington State Fire Marshal's Office and are listed in the Interagency Wage and Equipment Rates for Washington State Fire Services.

## **OPTIONS**

1. Adopt the Resolution authorizing execution of the 2022-2025 Interagency Agreement between the Washington State Department of Natural Resources and the City of Bellevue for wildfire or other emergency responses.
2. Do not adopt the Resolution and provide alternative direction to staff.

## **ATTACHMENTS**

Proposed Resolution No. 10127

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Interagency Agreement between the Washington State Department of Natural Resources and the City of Bellevue