



## Legislation Text

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### **RESOLUTION NO. 2291: AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH COWLITZ COUNTY FOR THE EXCHANGE OF LAND NEAR THE COWLITZ COUNTY EVENT CENTER**

#### **COUNCIL STRATEGIC INITIATIVE ADDRESSED:**

Strengthen economic conditions & create new opportunities  
Address quality of place issues

#### **CITY ATTORNEY REVIEW: REQUIRED**

#### **SUMMARY STATEMENT:**

The Longview Public Development Authority (PDA) was created by the City to assist with the implementation of elements of the Cowlitz County Fairgrounds Master Plan. One element of the plan was the development of a hotel adjacent to the Cowlitz County Event Center. Following the PDA's 2016 Request for Proposals (RFP) which failed to attract a developer to the project, it was determined that a lack of a parcel which a developer could own and use to secure financing was a major factor in the result of the RFP process.

In the intervening time, Cowlitz County and the PDA worked together to negotiate a preliminary agreement by which the City and County could exchange properties in order to create a hotel site adjacent to the Event Center which could be sold to a developer. With that agreement in place, the PDA spearheaded a subdivision of the fairgrounds property, creating a 1.8 acre parcel for the hotel site. Additionally, property was identified for a new access to the hotel and Event Center.

This Interlocal agreement finalizes the preliminary agreement between the City and County. The City agrees to transfer three half-street rights-of-way at the perimeters of the fairgrounds property in exchange for the 1.8 acre hotel site and the dedication of property to the City for the new access street. Until such time as construction commences on the new hotel, the City agrees to continue to make the hotel site property available for customary uses associated with the fairgrounds operation.

#### **RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Motion to approve the resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute the interlocal agreement with Cowlitz County for the exchange of land near the Cowlitz County Event Center.

#### **STAFF CONTACT:**

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