

**CITY OF FIRCREST
RESOLUTION NO. 2023**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
FIRCREST, WASHINGTON, AUTHORIZING THE CITY
MANAGER TO EXECUTE AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH
TACOMA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 10 FOR THE USE AND
RESTORATION OF WHITTIER PARK IN SUPPORT OF THE
WHITTIER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL REPLACEMENT PROJECT.**

WHEREAS, the Interlocal Cooperation Act, as amended, and codified in Chapter 39.24 of the Revised Code of Washington, provides for interlocal cooperation between governmental agencies; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fircrest's Comprehensive Plan encourages collaboration with regional organizations to facilitate educational opportunities for Fircrest residents; and

WHEREAS, Tacoma School District No. 10 ("District") owns Whittier Elementary School and the real property upon which the school is located (the "School Site"); and

WHEREAS, the City owns Whittier Park (the "Park"), located adjacent to the School Site, except for a small triangular portion owned by the District; and

WHEREAS, since the Park's creation, the City has operated, managed, maintained, and improved the Park in its entirety, including the small triangular portion owned by the District; and

WHEREAS, the District plans to redevelop the School Site by constructing a new school facility next to the existing Whittier Elementary School and then demolishing the existing Whittier school facility (collectively the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, the City and the District desire to work together to conserve and improve educational facilities and park amenities in Fircrest; and

WHEREAS, the District seeks to utilize a portion of the Park for construction staging and related activities during the Project, anticipated to occur between May 6, 2026 and January 1, 2028, in order to reduce construction-related impacts to the surrounding neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, use of the Park for Project construction staging will allow the existing Whittier Elementary School to remain operational during construction, resulting in significant cost savings to the District by avoiding the need to transport students to an alternative school site during the construction period; and

WHEREAS, the District intends to minimize impacts to the Park to the greatest extent practicable and to restore any affected areas of the Park to their pre-construction condition or better once the Park is no longer needed for the Project; and

1 **WHEREAS**, temporary use of portions of the Park for the Project will preserve
2 educational opportunities in Fircrest consistent with the Fircrest Comprehensive Plan and
3 benefit the general public by reducing construction-related pressure and parking impacts
4 on surrounding streets; and

5 **WHEREAS**, the City and District will work together to ensure construction staging at
6 the Park occurs with the least practicable disruption to the Park and its users, thereby
7 preserving open space and park availability during the Project.;

8 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE**
9 **CITY OF FIRCREST:**

10 **Section 1.** The City Manager is hereby authorized and directed to execute an Interlocal
11 Agreement with Tacoma School District No. 10 for the use and restoration of Whittier
12 Park in support of the Whittier Elementary School replacement project, substantially in
13 the form presented to the City Council.

14 **APPROVED AND ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF**
15 **FIRCREST, WASHINGTON**, at a regular meeting thereof this 5th day of May 2026.

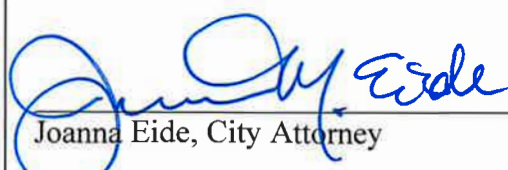
16 **APPROVED:**

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19 Nikki Bufford, Mayor

20 **ATTEST:**

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23 Arlette Burkhart, City Clerk

24 **APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

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27 Joanna Eide, City Attorney