

RESOLUTION NO. 1056

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF UNIVERSITY PLACE
APPROVING THE 2024-2026 AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND UNIVERSITY
PLACE SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR A SCHOOL LIAISON OFFICER**

WHEREAS, since shortly after incorporation, the City and the University Place School District have partnered in a School Resource Officer (SRO) program which places a police officer in schools during the school year; and

WHEREAS, in September 2015, the Council adopted Resolution No. 790, which approved an SRO Agreement between the City and the School District; and

WHEREAS, University Place has been without a School Resource Officer since 2019 as in-person school shutdowns, together with statewide law enforcement staffing crisis disbanded many regional SRO programs including Pierce County; and

WHEREAS, University Place Police Department and the University Place School District recognize the need for a public safety presence in University Place schools and in June of 2023 began collaborating to develop a model for University Place; and

WHEREAS, the School Liaison Officer position was created to enhance school safety while also addressing operational gaps in the City's day to day police operations; and

WHEREAS, the term of the proposed agreement is for the remainder of this 2024-2025 school year through the end of the 2025-2026 school year; and

WHEREAS, the City Council and the City and School District administrations believe continuing the joint School Liaison Officer program is in the best interests of the community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF UNIVERSITY PLACE, WASHINGTON, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Agreement Approved. The 2024-2026 Agreement with University Place School District for a School Liaison Officer is hereby approved. The proper officials of the City are authorized to execute the agreement in substantially the form on-file with the City Clerk.

Section 2. Effective Date. This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption by the City Council.

ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL ON OCTOBER 21, 2024.

Javier H. Figueroa, Mayor

ATTEST:

Emelita J. Genetia, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Matthew S. Kaser, City Attorney

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