

**JOINT RESOLUTION**

**FRANKLIN COUNTY RESOLUTION NO. 2025 - 0157**

**CITY OF PASCO RESOLUTION NO. 4604**

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, FRANKLIN COUNTY, WASHINGTON, AND THE COUNCIL OF CITY OF PASCO, WASHINGTON, REGARDING MODIFYING THE INTERLOCAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF PASCO AND FRANKLIN COUNTY, WASHINGTON, REGARDING THE FINANCING, ACQUISITION AND OWNERSHIP OF A MULTI-PURPOSE ARENA AND EXHIBITION FACILITY (HAPO CENTER).**

**WHEREAS**, on May 25, 1994, pursuant to RCW 39.34, Franklin County, Washington (the “County”), and the City of Pasco, Washington (the “City”) (together, the “Parties”), entered into the “Interlocal Cooperation Agreement Regarding Financing, Acquisition and Ownership of a Multi-Purpose Arena and Exhibition Facility with the City of Pasco” (the “1994 Interlocal Agreement”); and

**WHEREAS**, on May 25, 1994, in conjunction with the Parties’ entry into the 1994 Interlocal Agreement, the County, as Landlord, and the City, as Tenant, entered into a Ground Lease under which the County leased to the City approximately 31 acres of land adjacent to the HAPO Center for the purpose of the City’s development, construction and operation of Sportsfields on such land, the term of which Ground Lease initially extended to November 6, 2020, and which has been extended to November 6, 2025, pursuant to Resolution No. 2020-261 of the Board of County Commissioners; and

**WHEREAS**, on December 6, 2014, pursuant to Resolution No. 2014-484 of the Board of County Commissioners, the Parties entered into Addendum No. 1 to the 1994 Interlocal Agreement amending Section 8.4 pertaining to payment of operating costs of the HAPO Center; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Joint Resolution No. 2024-112 of the Board of County Commissioners and Resolution No. 4448 of the City Council, the Parties amended Section 11.2 of the 1994 Interlocal Agreement to extend its termination date to December 31, 2024, to allow time for the development of a Master Plan for the HAPO Center and surrounding area to determine best use of the facility; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Joint Resolution No. 2024-325 of the Board of County Commissioners and Resolution No. 4546 of the City Council, the Parties further amended Section 11.2 of the 1994 Interlocal Agreement to extend its termination date to May 31, 2025, and to further amend Section 8.4 pertaining to payment of operating costs of the HAPO Center; and

**WHEREAS**, the Parties value their continuing relationship as established under the 1994 Interlocal Agreement as previously extended and amended as described in the foregoing recitals; and

**WHEREAS**, the Parties have identified a need to further extend the termination date of the 1994 Interlocal Agreement to December 31, 2025, for the purpose of allowing additional time and opportunities for the Parties to engage in thoughtful discussion, consideration and negotiation with respect to matters of mutual interest concerning the future operation, maintenance, improvement, financing, and governance of the HAPO Center; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners constitutes the legislative authority of Franklin County and deems this to be in the best interest of Franklin County; and

**WHEREAS**, the Council for the City of Pasco constitutes the legislative authority for the City of Pasco and deems this to be in the best interest of the City to extend the Interlocal Agreement for the HAPO Center facility to the end of May 2025; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** the Parties hereby agree to remove and replace in full Section 11.2 of the 1994 Interlocal Agreement, as previously amended as described in the foregoing recitals, with the following language:

**Section 11.2 Duration and Termination of this Agreement**

This agreement shall automatically terminate on December 31, 2025. This Agreement may be terminated, in whole or in part, through adoption of a joint resolution to that effect by the Parties. This agreement shall be effective if signed in separate documents as if all parties signed the same document.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Parties hereby agree that, during the remaining term of the 1994 Interlocal Agreement as extended to December 31, 2025, by this Joint Resolution, they shall engage in thoughtful discussions, consideration and negotiation with respect to the following matters of mutual interest in connection with the HAPO Center with a view toward developing more comprehensive amendments of or a successor agreement to the 1994 Interlocal Agreement:

- a. Other potential models for the governance that may provide greater accountability for both the County and the City;
- b. Other potential models and/or avenues by which financial accounting and oversight of the HAPO Center may be accomplished with greater accessibility between the County and the City and for the State Auditor's Office;
- c. A review of cost centers, cost allocation methods, and operating revenues and expenses with a view toward making a fresh determination as to whether the historical 50/50 sharing between the County and the City of operating losses of the HAPO Center remains appropriate;
- d. Identification of emergency capital needs and methods of financing those needs;
- e. Identification of long-term capital needs and methods of financing those needs;
- f. Improvements related to the competitiveness of the facility and methods of financing those improvements;
- g. Potential disposition to the City of the land leased by the County to the City under the Ground Lease used for Sportsfields;
- h. Potential inclusion of the ice rink under the umbrella of the 1994 Interlocal Agreement; and
- i. A process for joint completion and implementation of the Master Plan for the HAPO Center.

The Parties acknowledge that not all of the foregoing items may be resolved and incorporated in additional comprehensive amendments to the 1994 Interlocal Agreement or in a successor interlocal agreement, and some items may be better addressed by other mechanisms, but the Parties agree to engage in good faith discussions and negotiations toward that end for the mutual best interests of the County, the City, and the greater citizenry of the County and the City.

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APPROVED this 27 day of May, 2025

CITY:

CITY OF PASCO, a Municipal Corporation  
of the State of Washington

Signed by:  
Pete Serrano  
Pete Serrano, Mayor

ATTEST BY:

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Debby Barham  
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Signed by:  
By: Eric Ferguson  
Eric W. Ferguson, City Attorney

APPROVED this 28 day of May, 2025.

COUNTY:

FRANKLIN COUNTY, a Political  
Subdivision of the State of Washington

Rocky Mullen  
Rocky Mullen, Chair pro tem

Clint Didier  
Clint Didier, Commissioner

Stephen Bauman  
Stephen Bauman, Commissioner

ATTEST BY:

ERISA  
Clerk of the Board

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Shawn Sant, Prosecuting Attorney for  
Franklin County

By: [Signature]  
Deputy Prosecuting Attorney