



# TACOMA HOUSING AUTHORITY

## RESOLUTION 2011-1-26(2)

**Date:** January 26, 2011  
**To:** THA Board of Commissioners  
**From:** Michael Mirra  
Executive Director  
**Re:** Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with Pierce County Housing Authority

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### Background

Washington State law allows local governments to agree to cooperate to better serve their communities. These agreements are called Interlocal Cooperation Agreements (ICA). One use of such agreements allows agencies to share functions or to engage in activities in each other's jurisdictions. THA and the Pierce County Housing Authority (PCHA) have several ICAs. They have allowed one PHA to use housing choice vouchers or other forms of rental assistance in the other's jurisdiction for discrete programs or properties. For example one ICA allows THA to provide rental assistance in the Sumner School District as part of a pilot program the state funded serving families in the Sumner and Tacoma school districts. Another ICA allowed THA to participate with Helping Hands House in the state funded Front Door Project that served families in Tacoma and the Puyallup area. Another ICA allowed PCHA to project vouchers into a Tacoma property. These ICAs also allow us to share the administration of the assistance in efficient ways. These agreements have been helpful as THA and PCHA further the effort to better coordinate our rental assistance programs in service to what is essentially a shared rental market. The Boards of the two PHAs have approved each of these ICA as each separate use of vouchers has arisen.

I ask the Board to approve a new ICA with PCHA. It is attached. It does two things. **First**, it allows the Executive Directors of THA and PCHA to approve of activities of one PHA in the jurisdiction of the other PHA without having to go to the Boards for each new use. This will make us more flexible and nimble. I will still inform the Board when this happens. **Second**, this ICA clarifies how either PHA can withdraw its approval of such activities that are approved either under past ICAs or in the future under this new one. The previous ICAs did not make that clear.

PCHA's Board will be considering the same ICA.

### Recommendation

I recommend that the Board approve this resolution.



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### GENERAL INTERLOCAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT WITH THE PIERCE COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY

A RESOLUTION of the Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of the City of Tacoma:

**Whereas**, state law allows governmental agencies to execute Interlocal Cooperation Agreements (ICAs) to allow for ways to better serve their communities;

**Whereas**, the Tacoma Housing Authority (THA) and the Pierce County Housing Authority (PCHA) have used ICAs to good advantage to allow discrete uses of voucher assistance in each other's jurisdiction and to share functions when it is efficient to do so;

**Whereas**, reasons and opportunities for cooperation in discrete situations and for specific properties may arise unexpectedly or, we hope, more frequently,

**Whereas**, it would be convenient to give the Executive Directors authority to approve such cooperation without having to seek Board approval for each use;

**Whereas**, THA and PCHA also need a clear way to withdraw approval for such activities once given;

***Resolved by the Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of the City of Tacoma, Washington as follows:***

The Executive Director is authorized to execute an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with the Pierce County Housing Authority in substantially the form set forth in the attached draft.

**Approved: January 26, 2011**

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dr. Arthur S. Banks".

Dr. Arthur Banks, Chairman