



MEMORANDUM

TO: Satpal Sidhu, County Executive
FROM: Erika Lautenbach, Director
RE: Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department (TPCHD)
Food Worker Permit Program Interlocal Agreement
DATE: July 21, 2021

Attached is an Interlocal Agreement between Whatcom County and Tacoma-Pierce County for your review and signature.

- **Background and Purpose**

In 2012, Whatcom County joined at least 18 other local health jurisdictions (LHJ) in utilizing an online system for training, testing and issuing required food handler permits to food industry workers. This online program provides food industry workers a convenient way to obtain their food handler permits while increasing administrative efficiencies in the Health Department. TPCHD administers food handler testing on behalf of all participating LHJs and retains a \$3.00 per card fee (total card fee is \$10) as payment for the services.

- **Funding Amount and Source**

In 2020, Whatcom County received \$80,732 in revenue from this program. Council approval is required per RCW 39.34.030(2) for agreements between public agencies.

- **Differences from Previous Contracts**

This is a new 5-year Agreement, however, this program has been in place through previous Agreements since 2012. This Agreement includes no changes from the Agreement that is in place through 12/31/2021 (WC Contract #201610012).

Please contact Erika Lautenbach at 360-778-6005 (ELautenb@co.whatcom.wa.us) or Kathleen Roy, Assistant Director at 360-778-6007 (KRoy@co.whatcom.wa.us), if you have any questions or concerns regarding this request.

