



Legislation Passed March 25, 2025

The Tacoma City Council, at its regular City Council meeting of March 25, 2025, adopted the following resolutions and/or ordinances. The summary of the contents of said resolutions and/or ordinances are shown below. To view the full text of the document, click on the bookmark at the left of the page.

Resolution No. 41643

A resolution awarding a contract to SAFE Boats International, in the amount of \$902,880.51, plus applicable taxes, budgeted from the Police Special Revenue Fund, for a Marine Services Unit patrol vessel - Contract No. SR5049029716.
[Corey Darlington, Police Captain; Patti Jackson, Interim Police Chief]

Resolution No. 41644

A resolution setting Thursday, May 15, 2025, at 9:00 a.m., as the date for a hearing by the Hearing Examiner on the request to vacate portions of 6th Avenue and North Prospect Street, to cure building encroachments.
(Dazaifu LLC; File No. 124.1456)
[Troy Stevens, Senior Real Estate Specialist; Ramiro A. Chavez, P.E. PgMP, Director/City Engineer, Public Works]

Resolution No. 41645

A resolution appointing an individual to the Tacoma Public Utility Board.
[Mayor Woodards]

Resolution No. 41646

A resolution authorizing an increase to the contract with Brown and Caldwell, in the amount of \$764,185, budgeted from the Wastewater Fund, for additional engineering design services for the North End Treatment Plant Trickling Filter Project, for a cumulative amount of \$3,368,194, plus applicable taxes - Contract No. CW2254273.
[Jordan Ennis, P.E., Engineer; Geoffrey M. Smyth, P.E., Interim Director, Environmental Services]

Resolution No. 41647

A resolution continuing the Downtown Tacoma Business Improvement Area (BIA), for the 38th year, providing for levy assessments and other income, in the amount of \$1,893,647; and approving the renewed BIA annual work plan, budget, and assessment rates from May 1, 2025, through April 30, 2026.
[Debbie Bingham, Program Manager; Tanja Carter, Director, Community and Economic Development]

Resolution No. 41648

A resolution authorizing the execution of an agreement with the Local Development Council of Tacoma d.b.a. the Downtown Tacoma Business Improvement Area, in the amount of \$2,015,200, budgeted from the Downtown Business Improvement Area Fund, to provide administration services for operations included in the annual work plan and budget.

[Debbie Bingham, Project Manager; Tanja Carter, Director, Community and Economic Development]

Resolution No. 41649

A resolution authorizing the execution of a Collective Bargaining Agreement with the International Association of Sheet Metal, Air, Rail, and Transportation Workers - Transportation Division, Local 1977, Yardmasters, retroactive to January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2028.

[Dylan Carlson, Labor Relations Division Manager; Chris Bacha, City Attorney]

Resolution No. 41650

A resolution authorizing the execution of a Letter of Agreement with the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 483, Supervisors' Unit, regarding the classification of Engineering Support Supervisor.

[Dylan Carlson, Labor Relations Division Manager; Chris Bacha, City Attorney]

Resolution No. 41651

A resolution expressing support for the passage of Proposition No. 1, submitted by the City of Tacoma, at the April 22, 2025, Special Election, which reads as follows:

CITY OF TACOMA
PROPOSITION 1

The Tacoma City Council adopted Resolution No. 41588 concerning utility taxes and property tax levy rate for street improvements.

This measure funds street repair, maintenance, and safety improvements for streets, including pedestrian and bicycle improvements, by levying an additional 2% utility tax on natural gas, electric, and phone utilities effective 2026; increasing the regular property tax levy by \$0.25/\$1,000 to a maximum rate of \$1.95/\$1,000 of assessed value for collection in 2026; authorizing the 2026 levy amount as the basis to calculate future levies (RCW 84.55). Qualifying seniors and others are exempt (RCW 84.36.381).

Should this proposition be approved?

[Mayor Woodards, and Council Members Hines and Walker]

Ordinance No. 29026

An ordinance amending Chapters 12.01 and 12.06A of the Municipal Code, relating to Utility Charges and Electrical Code, by revising various inspection, permitting, disconnection, and reconnection fees to recover increased operating and labor costs, effective April 7, 2025.

[Chad Edinger, Assistant Section Manager; Chris Robinson, Power Superintendent]

Ordinance No. 29027

An ordinance amending Chapter 12.10 of the Municipal Code, relating to Water Regulations and Rates, by revising various sections to update language and recover increased operating costs, effective April 7, 2025.

[Dana Larsen, Customer and Financial Services Manager; Heather Pennington, Interim Water Superintendent]



RESOLUTION NO. 41643

1 A RESOLUTION related to the purchase of materials, supplies or equipment, and
2 the furnishing of services; authorizing the execution of a contract with
3 SAFE Boats International, in the amount of \$902,880.51, plus applicable
4 taxes, budgeted from the Tacoma Police Department Special Revenue
Activity Fund, for a Marine Services Unit patrol vessel, pursuant to
Contract No. SR5049029716.

5 WHEREAS the City has complied with all applicable laws and processes
6 governing the acquisition of those supplies, and/or the procurement of those
7 services, inclusive of public works, as is shown by the attached Exhibit "A,"
8 incorporated herein as though fully set forth, and
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10 WHEREAS the Board of Contracts and Awards has concurred with the
11 recommendation for award as set forth in the attached Exhibit "A"; Now, Therefore,

12 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TACOMA:

13 Section 1. That the Council of the City of Tacoma concurs with the Board of
14 Contracts and Awards to adopt the recommendation for award as set forth in the
15 attached Exhibit "A."
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Section 2. That the proper officers of the City are hereby authorized to enter into a contract with SAFE Boats International, in the amount of \$902,880.51, plus applicable taxes, budgeted from the Tacoma Police Department Special Revenue Activity Fund, for a Marine Services Unit patrol vessel, pursuant to Contract No. SR5049029716, consistent with Exhibit "A."

Adopted _____

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk

Approved as to form:

Chief Deputy City Attorney



RESOLUTION NO. 41644

1 A RESOLUTION relating to the vacation of City right-of-way; setting Thursday,
 2 May 15, 2025, at 9:00 a.m., as the date for a hearing before the Hearing
 3 Examiner on the petition of Dazaifu LLC, to vacate a portion of 6th Avenue
 and a portion of North Prospect Street, to cure building encroachments.

4 WHEREAS Dazaifu LLC, having received the consent of the owners of
 5 more than two-thirds of the properties abutting a portion of 6th Avenue and a
 6 portion of North Prospect Street, has petitioned for the vacation of the following
 7 legally described right-of-way area:
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9 BEGINNING AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF LOT 20,
 10 BLOCK 1, HAWKINS ADDITION TO TACOMA W.T.,
 11 ACCORDING TO PLAT RECORDED IN BOOK 3 OF PLATS
 12 AT PAGE 23, RECORDS OF PIERCE COUNTY AUDITOR,
 13 SITUATE IN THE CITY OF TACOMA, COUNTY OF PIERCE,
 14 STATE OF WASHINGTON, SAID CORNER BEING ON THE
 15 EAST MARGIN OF NORTH PROSPECT STREET; THENCE
 16 SOUTH 1°18'27" WEST ALONG THE EAST MARGIN OF
 17 NORTH PROSPECT STREET 99.84 FEET TO THE
 18 SOUTHWEST CORNER OF LOT 23 OF SAID PLAT AND
 19 BEING ON THE NORTH MARGIN OF 6TH AVENUE;
 20 THENCE SOUTH 88°44'53" EAST ALONG SAID NORTH
 21 MARGIN 54.74 FEET TO THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF
 SAID LOT 23; THENCE SOUTH 1°20'13" WEST 1.20 FEET;
 THENCE NORTH 88°44'53" WEST PARALLEL TO THE
 SOUTH LINE OF SAID LOT 23 A DISTANCE OF 54.94 FEET;
 THENCE NORTH 1°18'27" EAST PARALLEL WITH THE
 EAST MARGIN OF SAID NORTH PROSPECT STREET A
 DISTANCE OF 101.04 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 88°43'03"
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 POINT OF BEGINNING.

22 Now, Therefore,

23 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TACOMA:

24 Section 1. That Thursday, May 15, 2025, at 9:00 a.m., is hereby fixed as
 25 the date and time, and the Council Chambers on the first floor of the Tacoma
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Municipal Building, 747 Market Street, in the City of Tacoma, Washington, and may be offered in a hybrid format that includes a remote option, as the place when and where the request of Dazaifu LLC to vacate a portion of 6th Avenue and a portion of North Prospect Street, to cure building encroachment, will be heard by the Hearing Examiner and his recommendations thereafter transmitted to the Council of the City of Tacoma.

Section 2. That the Clerk of the City of Tacoma shall give proper notice of the time and place of said hearing.

Adopted _____

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk

Approved as to form:

Deputy City Attorney

Property description approved:

Chief Surveyor
Public Works Department

Location: a portion of 6th Avenue and a portion of North Prospect Street
Petitioner: Dazaifu LLC
File No.: 124.1456



RESOLUTION NO. 41645

1 BY REQUEST OF MAYOR WOODARDS

2 A RESOLUTION relating to committees, boards, and commissions; appointing
3 Devin Hampton to the Tacoma Public Utility Board.

4 WHEREAS a vacancy exists on the Tacoma Public Utility (“TPU”) Board,
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6 WHEREAS, pursuant to City Charter Sections 2.4 and 4.8, the Mayor is
7 required to appoint the members of the TPU Board, which must be confirmed by
8 a majority of the City Council, and
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10 WHEREAS, at its meeting of February 6, 2025, TPU Board Chair Carlos
11 Watson sent a letter signaling his intention to resign from the Board for medical
12 leave, allowing another individual to be appointed until such time as he might be
13 able to return, and
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15 WHEREAS Mayor Woodards is recommending Devin Hampton for
16 confirmation to fill the unexpired term, to expire June 30, 2029, until former
17 Board Chair Watson can be considered for reappointment, subject to
18 confirmation by the City Council; Now, Therefore,

19 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TACOMA:

20 That Devin Hampton is hereby confirmed and appointed as a member of
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the Tacoma Public Utility (“TPU”) Board to fill the unexpired term of Board Chair Carlos Watson, to expire June 30, 2029, until TPU Board Chair Watson can be considered for reappointment.

Adopted _____

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk

Approved as to form:

Acting City Attorney



RESOLUTION NO. 41646

1 A RESOLUTION related to the purchase of materials, supplies or equipment,
2 and the furnishing of services; authorizing the increase of Contract
3 No. CW2254273 with Brown and Caldwell, in the amount of \$764,185,
4 budgeted from the Wastewater Fund, for additional engineering design
5 services for the North End Treatment Plant Trickling Filter Project, for a
6 cumulative contract amount of \$3,368,194, plus applicable taxes.

7 WHEREAS the City has complied with all applicable laws and processes
8 governing the acquisition of those supplies, and/or the procurement of those
9 services, inclusive of public works, as is shown by the attached Exhibit "A,"
10 incorporated herein as though fully set forth, and

11 WHEREAS the Board of Contracts and Awards has concurred with the
12 recommendation for award as set forth in the attached Exhibit "A"; Now, Therefore,

13 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TACOMA:

14 Section 1. That the Council of the City of Tacoma concurs with the Board of
15 Contracts and Awards to adopt the recommendation for award as set forth in the
16 attached Exhibit "A."

17 Section 2. That the proper officers of the City are hereby authorized to
18 increase Contract No. CW2254273 with Brown and Caldwell, in the amount of
19 \$764,185, budgeted from the Wastewater Fund, for additional engineering design
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1 services for the North End Treatment Plant Trickling Filter Project, for a cumulative
2 contract amount of \$3,368,194, plus applicable taxes, consistent with Exhibit "A."

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9 Attest: _____
10 City Clerk

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12 Approved as to form: _____
13 Deputy City Attorney

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RESOLUTION NO. 41647

1 A RESOLUTION relating to the Downtown Tacoma Business Improvement Area;
2 continuing the Downtown Tacoma Business Improvement Area ("BIA") for
3 the 38th year, providing for levy assessments and other income, in the
4 amount of \$1,893,647; and approving the renewed BIA annual work plan
and budget, and assessment of rates from May 1, 2025, through
April 30, 2026.

5 WHEREAS the Downtown Tacoma Business Improvement Area ("BIA"), at
6 their annual meeting on February 27, 2025, approved their annual budget, work
7 program, and assessment rates, and

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9 WHEREAS this resolution will authorize the levy of the 38th year of the
10 renewed BIA annual assessment upon buildings and other real estate within the
11 BIA boundaries for the period of May 1, 2025, through April 30, 2026, and

12 WHEREAS the BIA assesses each ratepayer for two categories, a Use Rate
13 and a Land Rate, with the Use Rate split into High Intensity Use Rate and Low
14 Intensity Use Rate, and

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16 WHEREAS the High Intensity Use Rate is assessed to improved property,
17 and the Low Intensity Use Rate to undeveloped and surface area parking lots, with
18 the Land Rate applying to all parcels, and

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20 WHEREAS the assessment rates for the 38th year of the BIA will be \$0.15
21 per square foot for the High Intensity Use Rate, \$0.09 for the Low Intensity Use
22 Rate, and \$0.06 for the Land Rate, and

23 WHEREAS the income collected is projected to be 4 percent higher than the
24 previous year due to the increase in rates as well as new developments within the
25 BIA boundary, and
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WHEREAS total expenditures are projected to increase by 9 percent, to \$2,015,200; the difference between expenses and income will be funded through the BIA Reserve Fund held at the City; Now, Therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TACOMA:

Section 1. That the proper officers of the City are hereby authorized to continue the Downtown Tacoma Business Improvement Area (“BIA”) for the 38th year, providing for the levy assessments and other income, in the amount of \$1, 893,647; and approving the renewed BIA annual work plan and annual budget, and assessment of rates from May 1, 2025, through April 30, 2026.

Section 2. That the City Manager, or designee, is hereby authorized to take and execute any additional measures or documents that may be necessary to complete this transaction which are consistent with the approved form of documents referenced by this Resolution, and the intent of this Resolution.

Adopted _____

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk

Approved as to form:

Deputy City Attorney



RESOLUTION NO. 41648

1 A RESOLUTION relating to the Downtown Tacoma Business Improvement Area;
2 authorizing the execution of an agreement with the Local Development
3 Council of Tacoma, d.b.a. the Downtown Tacoma Business Improvement
4 Area ("BIA"), also known as the Downtown Tacoma Partnership, in the
5 amount of \$2,015,200, budgeted from the Downtown Business
6 Improvement Area Fund, to provide administration services for BIA
7 operations, as set forth in the 2025-2026 BIA annual work plan and budget.

8 WHEREAS, on April 5, 1988, upon presentation of a petition from downtown
9 property owners representing 50 percent or more of the property assessments, the
10 City Council, with the Local Development Council of Tacoma, established a
11 Downtown Tacoma Business Improvement Area, currently d.b.a. the Downtown
12 Business Improvement Area ("BIA"), by Substitute Ordinance No. 24058 for a
13 period of ten years, and

14 WHEREAS the BIA was renewed for additional ten-year periods in 1998,
15 pursuant to Ordinance No. 26205; in 2008, pursuant to Ordinance No. 27696; and
16 in 2018, pursuant to Ordinance No. 28496, and

17 WHEREAS, pursuant to Ordinance No. 28496, special assessments shall
18 be collected by the City on an annual or semiannual basis and deposited in the
19 Downtown Business Improvement Area Fund, and expenditures from the fund are
20 used exclusively for the purposes specified in the BIA, and

21 WHEREAS it is necessary to enter into an agreement with the Local
22 Development Council of Tacoma, d.b.a. BIA, in the amount of \$2,015,200,
23 budgeted from the Downtown Business Improvement Area Fund, for the purpose
24 of providing administration services for operations as set forth in the 2025-2026
25 BIA annual work plan and annual budget; Now, Therefore,
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BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TACOMA:

That the proper officers of the City are hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with the Local Development Council of Tacoma, d.b.a. the Downtown Tacoma Business Improvement Area ("BIA"), also known as the Downtown Tacoma Partnership, in the amount of \$2,015,200, budgeted from the Downtown Business Improvement Area Fund, to provide administration services for operations as set forth in the 2025-2026 BIA annual work plan and annual budget, said agreement to be substantially in the form of the document on file in the Office of the City Clerk.

Adopted _____

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk

Approved as to form:

Deputy City Attorney



RESOLUTION NO. 41649

1 A RESOLUTION related to collective bargaining; authorizing the execution of a
2 four-year Collective Bargaining Agreement with the International
3 Association of Sheet Metal, Air, Rail, and Transportation Workers -
4 Transportation Division, Local 1977, Yardmasters, retroactive to January
5 1, 2025, through December 31, 2028.

6 WHEREAS the City has, for years, adopted the policy of collective
7 bargaining between the various labor organizations representing employees
8 and the administration, and

9 WHEREAS this resolution allows for the execution of a four-year Collective
10 Bargaining Agreement (“CBA”) between the City and the International Association
11 of Sheet Metal, Air, Rail, and Transportation Workers – Transportation Division,
12 Local 1977 Yardmasters Unit (“Union”), on behalf of the employees represented
13 by said Union, and

14 WHEREAS the four-year agreement covers approximately 5 budgeted,
15 full-time equivalent positions located within Tacoma Public Utilities and provides
16 for a general wage increase in each year of the agreement, and

17 WHEREAS, effective retroactive to January 1, 2025, the Yardmaster
18 base wage shall be \$61.13 per hour; effective January 1, 2026, the Yardmaster
19 base wage shall be \$63.57 per hour; effective January 1, 2027, the Yardmaster
20 base wage shall be \$66.11 per hour; and effective January 1, 2028, the
21 Yardmaster base wage will be \$68.76 per hour, and
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WHEREAS a one-time deposit of 48 hours of additional floating holiday leave will be granted to each regular Yardmaster employed on the date of City Council approval, and

WHEREAS the additional leave must be used by December 31, 2025, and may not be carried over or cashed out, and

WHEREAS other changes to the agreement include: (1) the incorporation of the parties' existing Juneteenth Letter of Agreement into Section 2.5.4; (2) clarification of Yardmaster seniority rights in Section 2.10.1; (3) modification of Section 2.13.4 regarding compensation paid for employee attendance at meetings outside of the regular work shift; (4) a change in the processing of annual PTO cash out requests to be consistent with TMC 1.12.248.B.5(e); (5) the deletion of Section 3.11 Shoe Allowance; (6) an increase to the amount paid for a Yardmaster assigned to facilitate the training of a Yardmaster trainee from 1 hour to 2 hours of straight time pay for each day so assigned; (7) the deletion of Section 5.3 regarding the Yardmasters Committee of Adjustment; and (8) modifications to the Memorandum of Agreement regarding Guaranteed Extra Board Yardmaster position;

WHEREAS the CBA was approved by the Public Utility Board at its meeting on March 12, 2025, and

WHEREAS, it appears in the best interests of the City that the CBA negotiated by said Union and the City be approved; Now Therefore,



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That the proper officers of the City are hereby authorized to execute the four-year Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City and the Sheet Metal, Air, Rail and Transportation – Transportation Division, effective retroactive to January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2028, said document to be substantially in the form of the agreement on file in the office of the City Clerk.

Adopted _____

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk

Approved as to form:

Deputy City Attorney

Requested by Public Utility Board
Resolution No. U-11515



RESOLUTION NO. 41650

1 A RESOLUTION related to collective bargaining; authorizing the execution of a
2 Letter of Agreement with the International Brotherhood of Electrical
3 Workers, Local 483, Supervisors' Unit, regarding the classification of
Engineering Support Supervisor.

4 WHEREAS the City has, for years, adopted the policy of collective
5 bargaining between the various labor organizations representing employees
6 and the administration, and

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8 WHEREAS Resolution No. 41051, adopted October 25, 2022, authorized
9 the execution of the four-year Collective Bargaining Agreement ("CBA") between
10 the City of Tacoma and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers,
11 Local 483, Supervisors' Unit ("Union"), on behalf of the employees represented
12 by said Union, and

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14 WHEREAS this resolution authorizes the execution of a Letter of
15 Agreement ("LOA") between the City of Tacoma and the International
16 Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 483, Supervisors' Unit, ("Union"), on
17 behalf of the employees represented by said Union, and

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19 WHEREAS a Letter of Agreement was negotiated with the International
20 Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW), Local 483, Supervisors' Unit, for the
21 classification of Engineering Support Supervisor, and

22 WHEREAS the agreement covers one position located within the Tacoma
23 Public Utilities and was adopted by the Public Utility Board on March 12, 2025,
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WHEREAS employees in the classification of Engineering Support Supervisor, have selected IBEW, Local 483, Supervisors' Unit as their exclusive bargaining representative for purposes of collective bargaining, and the action was certified by the Public Employment Relations Commission on September 4, 2024, and

WHEREAS the Engineering Support Supervisor classification will be part of the unclassified service, designated as overtime category "D", which is not eligible for overtime or compensatory time off, and will be eligible to receive longevity pay, and

WHEREAS it is agreed that the provisions of Article 9 of the collective bargaining agreement do not apply to unclassified employees, and disciplinary action will not be subject to review or appeal under the grievance procedures of Article 8, or the Tacoma Municipal Code Section 1.24.950, and

WHEREAS effective retroactive to the execution date of the Christie Agreement on December 10, 2024, the classification will transition from a 9 step pay range to a 5 step pay range, with an increase of 24 percent at top step, and

WHEREAS no additional wage increase will be applied to the classification in 2025; employees will progress through the salary range consistent with Tacoma Municipal Code Section 1.12.030, and

WHEREAS it appears in the best interest of the City that the LOA negotiated by said Union and the City be approved; Now, Therefore,



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That the proper officers of the City are hereby authorized to execute the Letter of Agreement between the City and International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 483, Supervisors' Unit, regarding the classification of Engineering Support Supervisor, said document to be substantially in the form of the agreement on file in the office of the City Clerk.

Adopted _____

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk

Approved as to form:

Deputy City Attorney

Requested by the Public Utility Board
Resolution No. U-11516



RESOLUTION NO. 41651

1 BY REQUEST OF MAYOR WOODARDS AND COUNCIL MEMBERS HINES
2 AND WALKER

3 A RESOLUTION expressing support for the passage of Proposition No. 1
4 submitted by the City of Tacoma at the April 22, 2025, Special Election
5 ballot, to fund street repair, maintenance, and safety improvements for
6 streets, including bicycle and pedestrian improvements; and encouraging
7 residents to vote "Approved" on Proposition No. 1 on the April 22, 2025,
8 Special Election ballot.

9 WHEREAS at its December 17, 2024, meeting, the City Council unanimously
10 adopted Resolution No. 41588 authorizing the submission to voters of a proposition
11 to continue an increased funding level for street repair, maintenance, and safety
12 improvements for streets, including bicycle and pedestrian improvements, at a
13 Special Election to be held on April 22, 2025, and

14 WHEREAS this proposition would levy an additional 2 percent utility tax on
15 natural gas, electric, and phone utilities effective 2026; increase the regular
16 property tax levy by \$0.25/\$1,000 of assessed value for a maximum levy rate of
17 \$1.95/\$1,000 of assessed value for collection in 2026; and authorize the 2026
18 levy amount as the basis to calculate future levies per Revised Code of
19 Washington ("RCW") 84.55, and pursuant to RCW 84.36.381, exempt qualifying
20 seniors and others, and

21 WHEREAS in 2015, City voters passed Propositions No. 3 and A, which
22 set the foundation for the Tacoma Streets Initiative, and

23 WHEREAS Proposition No. 3 increased taxes by 1.5 percent on natural
24 gas, electric, phone companies, and property taxes by \$0.20/\$1,000 of assessed
25 value, and Proposition A raised the sales tax by one-tenth of one percent, and
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1 WHEREAS over the past decade, this initiative has allowed the Public
2 Works Department to complete over \$397 million in critical infrastructure
3 improvements in the City's rights-of-way, and as current funding nears expiration
4 in December 2025 and February 2026 for the property tax and utility tax
5 increases, respectively, the City Council submitted the Tacoma Streets Initiative II
6 to the Pierce County Auditor's Office for inclusion on the April 2025 Special
7 Election ballot as Proposition No. 1, and

9 WHEREAS if approved by the voters, Proposition No. 1 is expected to
10 raise \$375 million for street repair, maintenance, and safety improvements for City
11 streets, including pedestrian and bicycle improvements through an increase in
12 property and utility taxes, and with grant match and additional partnerships, staff
13 anticipates bringing in over \$900 million over the first 15 years, and

15 WHEREAS with these funds the City will be able to improve 1,100-1,400
16 arterial lane miles, 250-300 sidewalk miles, 130-170 miles of bike infrastructure,
17 maintain 5,200-6,200 residential blocks, reduce wear and tear on residents'
18 vehicles, and keep freight, cars, and transit moving efficiently over a 15-year
19 performance period, prioritizing accessibility, pedestrian safety, and multi-modal
20 connectivity, and

22 WHEREAS RCW 42.17A.555(1) allows elected boards, councils and
23 commissions to "express a collective decision, or to actually vote upon a motion,
24 proposal, resolution, order, or ordinance, or to support or oppose a ballot
25 proposition so long as (a) any required notice of the meeting includes the title and
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1 number of the ballot proposition, and (b) members of the legislative body,
2 members of the board, council, or commission of the special purpose district, or
3 members of the public are afforded an approximately equal opportunity for the
4 expression of an opposing view, and
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6 WHEREAS Public Works Department staff have been providing information
7 on the Initiative and plans for Proposition No. 1 through the City's webpage and
8 printed and digital materials, and staff have been meeting regularly with
9 community organizations, Neighborhood Councils, Business Districts, and
10 partners as requested; Now, Therefore,
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12 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TACOMA:

13 Section 1. That the City Council endorses and hereby expresses its
14 support for the passage of Proposition No. 1 ("Proposition"), submitted by the
15 City of Tacoma, at the April 22, 2025, Special Election, for the purposes
16 hereinabove enumerated.
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Section 2. That the City Council urges Tacoma voters to vote "Approved" on the Proposition on the April 22, 2025, Special Election ballot, substantially in the form of the ballot title as follows:

PROPOSITION NO. 1
CITY OF TACOMA

The Tacoma City Council adopted Resolution No. 41588 concerning utility taxes and property tax levy rate for street improvements.

This measure funds street repair, maintenance, and safety improvements for streets, including pedestrian and bicycle improvements, by levying an additional 2% utility tax on natural gas, electric, and phone utilities effective 2026; increasing the regular property tax levy by \$0.25/\$1,000 to a maximum rate of \$1.95/\$1,000 of assessed value for collection in 2026; authorizing the 2026 levy amount as the basis to calculate future levies (RCW 84.55). Qualifying seniors and others are exempt (RCW 84.36.381).

Should this proposition be approved?

Approved..... []
Rejected..... []

Adopted _____

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk

Approved as to form:

Deputy City Attorney



ORDINANCE NO. 29026

1 AN ORDINANCE relating to the Department of Public Utilities, Light Division;
2 amending Chapters 12.01 and 12.06A of the Tacoma Municipal Code,
3 relating to Utility Charges and Electrical Code, by revising various
4 inspection, permitting, disconnection, and reconnection fees to recover
5 increased operating and labor costs, effective April 7, 2025.

6 WHEREAS on October 23, 2024, the Public Utility Board ("PUB") approved
7 Resolution No. U-11483, which updated the disconnection/reconnection fees in
8 Tacoma Municipal Code ("TMC") 12.01, as well as the inspection and permitting
9 fees in TMC 12.06A, and

10 WHEREAS on December 3, 2024, the City Council approved the fee
11 updates in Ordinance No. 28995, and

12 WHEREAS these fees were raised to cover the increased cost of providing
13 the services due to general inflation, vehicle costs, and the need to hire a full-time
14 inspector to provide swifter resolution of inspection requests, and the updated fees
15 were scheduled to take effect on April 1, 2025, and

16 WHEREAS the Department of Public Utilities, Power Division ("Tacoma
17 Power") is proposing an update to the inspection and permitting fees to include
18 increases in labor costs and additional operating costs associated with taxes
19 incurred by Tacoma Power specific to those fees, and

20 WHEREAS the labor costs to provide these services increased significantly
21 with market volatility since the fee update last year, and this second update will
22 supersede the fees approved in 2024, and
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WHEREAS although Tacoma Power has been paying state Business and Occupation taxes on the revenue from inspection and permitting fees, the utility has not been recovering these additional operating costs in its associated fees, and

WHEREAS recent changes to TMC 6A.100.040 have also increased operating costs associated with those fees and these changes enable Tacoma Power to recover such operating costs, and

WHEREAS these modifications are consistent with the cost-causation principle in ratemaking, and if these fees are not updated, the additional expense associated with these services will be paid by retail customers; Now, Therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF TACOMA:

Section 1. That the City Council hereby adopts the Recitals of this Ordinance as its formal legislative findings.

Section 2. That Chapters 12.01 and 12.06A of the Tacoma Municipal Code ("TMC"), relating to Utility Charges and Electrical Code, are hereby amended, by revising inspection, permitting, disconnection, and reconnection fees to recover increased operating and labor costs, effective April 7, 2025, as more fully set forth in the attached Exhibits "A" and "B."



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Section 3. That the City Clerk, in consultation with the City Attorney's Office, is authorized to make necessary corrections to this ordinance and the affected sections in Chapters 12.01 and 12.06A of the TMC, including, but not limited to, the correction of scrivener's/clerical errors, references, ordinance numbering, section/subsection numbers, and any references thereto.

Passed _____

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk

Approved as to form:

Chief Deputy City Attorney

EXHIBIT “A”
CHAPTER 12.01
UTILITY CHARGES

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12.01.010 Utility services establishment.

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B. Adjustments/Fees.

A service charge shall be paid by each utility customer if a field call is required to adjust service to a new or different type of service or rate, or for turn-off or turn-on of service. For purposes of this chapter, normal City business hours means 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except City recognized holidays. The service charge shall be the sum of the following applicable fees:

1. \$10.00 for collection or disconnection for nonpayment.
2. \$12.00 for service connection during normal City business hours.
3. \$60.00 for turn-on or turn-off during all other hours.
4. Plus an additional ~~\$176.50~~ 194.50 for a pole or underground reconnection during normal City business hours and ~~\$239.50~~ 264.00 for a pole or underground reconnection during all other hours.
5. \$6.00 for failure to appear for utility turn-on.
6. ~~\$125.00~~ 137.50 for self cut-in investigation.
7. \$5.00 for verification of meter reading at the customer's request after second reading within 12 consecutive months.
8. \$5.00 for lock-out during a reasonable attempt to read a meter.
9. \$5.00 for service provided to prepare information for collection on accounts closed over 30 days.
10. \$10.00 for service provided to prepare information for bankruptcy administration.

Effective January 1, 2021, a \$15.00 recurring billing cycle fee shall be charged for service provided for Opt Out of Advanced Metering Infrastructure. The low-income senior and/or disabled discount rate percentage, as specified in subsection 12.06.165.C, shall be applied to the Opt-Out fee for qualified eligible customers as determined by subsection 12.06.165.

There will not be a disconnection or connection fee charged if the action may ordinarily be performed remotely. Such adjustment charges will be allocated to and recorded as revenue for City tax purposes by each utility providing service.

C. Reconnection fees resulting from delinquency cut-offs shall be as follows:

1. \$12.00 during normal City business hours and \$60.00 during all other hours.
2. ~~\$176.50~~ 194.50 for a pole or underground reconnection during normal City business hours and ~~\$239.50~~ 264.00 for a pole or underground reconnection during all other hours.

There will not be a reconnection fee charged if the action may ordinarily be performed remotely. Such reconnection fees will be allocated to and recorded as revenue for City tax purposes by each utility providing service.

The disconnection, reconnection, or collection fees set forth in subsections 12.01.010.B.1 and 12.01.010.B.2, subsection 12.01.010.C.1, and subsection 12.01.020 will not be charged if the fees are due to non-payment between March 17, 2020, and May 31, 2024, and the non-payment is connected to an extended payment arrangement for balances incurred by the utility customer prior to March 31, 2022.

The outside of normal business hours disconnection or reconnection fees set forth in subsections 12.01.010.B.3 and 12.01.010.C.1 will be waived one time per customer if the fees are due to non-payment between March 17, 2020, and May 31, 2024, and the non-payment is connected to an extended payment arrangement for balances incurred by the utility customer prior to March 31, 2022.

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EXHIBIT “B”
CHAPTER 12.06A
ELECTRICAL CODE

12.06A.250 Permit fees.

Current standard fees for connecting electrical services to the Tacoma Power system, as well as the Permit fees and any penalties previously assessed, must be paid before an Electrical Permit will be issued. The Permit applicant is responsible to arrange for payment. Permit applications for which insufficient or no payment has been received will not be issued. Unpaid Permit submittals will be discarded by Tacoma Power if payment has not been received within 10 business days of receipt of application. Unless otherwise noted, when multiple inspections are required, the Permit fee shall not be less than \$55~~77~~ per 1/2 hour of inspection time. No inspection will be performed until the Permit application process is completed. Current standard fees for Electrical Permits and inspections by Tacoma Power are as follows:

A. Residential.

1. Table A. Single-family dwelling and mobile home services, service changes, and service upgrades, fees are set forth in Table A below, and include branch circuit wiring from the service(s) or feeder(s). All wiring by the same Permit Holder on single family dwellings of 400 amps/4000 sq. ft. or less is included under the fees from Table A unless otherwise noted below.

TABLE A			
Service/Feeder Ampacity and Square Footage	Permit Fees		
	Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
	Overhead Service - up to 2 inspections	Underground to Pole and Underground Service with underground wiring - up to 4 inspections	Feeder Only up to 2 inspections
1-200A and up to 2500 sq. ft.	\$126 <u>153</u>	\$252 <u>306</u>	\$103 <u>125</u>
Up to 400A or up to 4000 sq. ft.	\$189 <u>230</u>	\$315 <u>382</u>	\$115 <u>140</u>
Over 400A or over 4000 sq. ft.	Use TABLE B		

2. Branch circuit alterations and repairs. The fee for 1 to 4 new circuits, circuit extensions, or alterations where the service or feeder is not modified, increased, relocated, or replaced ~~\$73~~89

Use Table A if service or feeder work is included.

Each additional circuit ~~\$8~~10

Fee includes two inspections.

3. Service alterations and repairs. Minor alterations and repairs to an electrical service, including, but not limited to, the repair or replacement of one of the following: service panel, service mast, service entrance conductors, weather head, service attachment bracket, meter socket, main breaker, or utility disconnect ~~\$63~~77

If more than one item listed above is altered or replaced.....~~\$126~~153

Fee includes one inspection.

4. Hardwired low voltage.

Single-family Dwellings—Fees for low voltage control panels and devices, such as fire alarm systems, data systems, intrusion alarms, HVAC systems, thermostats, and similar systems..... ~~\$63~~77

Fee includes one inspection.

5. Temporary services 1-200 amps single phase..... ~~\$63~~77

Fee includes one inspection.

Temporary services over 200 amps or three phase and systems with feeders..... Table B

Temporary services are permitted for use up to 90 days or the duration of a permitted construction project.

6. Residential swimming pool (In addition to any other fees listed)..... ~~\$189~~230

Fee includes three inspections.

7. Generator transfer panel and equipment \$~~86~~105

Fee includes one inspection.

8. PV systems.....\$~~126~~153

Fee includes two inspections.

B. Commercial and industrial.

1. Table B. The Permit fee for all commercial and industrial work, multifamily dwelling installations, and single family dwellings exceeding 400 amps or 4000 square feet shall be derived from Table B. Proof of electrical work value must be submitted at the time of application. Proof may be established by presenting a signed contract or a priced itemization of the work to be performed. The electrical work value shall be the reasonably documented value of all labor, material, fittings, apparatus, and the like, whether actually paid for or not, supplied by the Permit Holder and/or installed by the Permit Holder as a part of, or in connection with, a complete electrical system, but which does not include the cost of utilizing equipment connected to the electrical system. If a signed contract or other substantial proof of value is not submitted at the time of Permit application, the value may be established by Tacoma Power’s Electrical Inspection Office using modern construction cost-estimating techniques. If the reported work value is determined by Tacoma Power’s electrical inspection office to be significantly less than what was reported at the time the Permit was purchased, the Permit fee amount will be increased to reflect the corrected actual value and a charge for the time to determine such value will be assessed to the Permit fee. A fee adjustment shall be made for all change orders and field changes that increase the value. All fees must be paid before final electrical inspection approval of the project.

TABLE B	
Value of Electrical Construction	Permit Fees
\$0-\$1,000	\$ 110 <u>133</u> for the first \$1,000 or fraction thereof.
\$1,001-\$5,000	\$ 110 <u>133</u> for the first \$1,000 plus \$ 4.40 <u>5.35</u> for each additional \$100 or fraction thereof.
\$5,001-\$50,000	\$ 286 <u>347</u> for the first \$5,000 plus \$ 2.20 <u>2.70</u> for each additional \$100 or fraction thereof.
\$50,001-\$100,000	\$ 1,276 <u>1,562</u> for the first \$50,000 plus \$ 1.65 <u>2</u> for each additional \$100 or fraction thereof.
\$100,001-\$250,000	\$ 2,101 <u>2,562</u> for the first \$100,000 plus \$ 9.90 <u>12</u> for each additional \$1,000 or fraction thereof.
\$250,001-\$500,000	\$ 3,586 <u>4,362</u> for the first \$250,000 plus \$ 8.80 <u>10.70</u> for each additional \$1,000 or fraction thereof.
\$500,001-\$750,000	\$ 5,786 <u>7,037</u> for the first \$500,000 plus \$ 7.70 <u>9.40</u> for each additional \$1,000 or fraction thereof.
\$750,001-\$1,000,000	\$ 7,711 <u>9,387</u> for the first \$750,000 plus \$ 6.60 <u>8</u> for each additional \$1,000 or fraction thereof.
\$1,000,001-\$2,000,000	\$ 9,361 <u>11,387</u> for the first \$1,000,000 plus \$ 6.05 <u>7.35</u> for each additional \$1,000 or fraction thereof.
\$2,000,001-\$3,000,000	\$ 15,411 <u>18,737</u> for the first \$2,000,000 plus \$ 5.50 <u>6.65</u> for each additional \$1,000 or fraction thereof.
\$3,000,001-\$4,000,000	\$ 20,911 <u>25,387</u> for the first \$3,000,000 plus \$ 4.95 <u>6</u> for each additional \$1,000 or fraction thereof.
\$4,000,001-\$5,000,000	\$ 25,861 <u>31,387</u> for the first \$4,000,000 plus \$ 4.40 <u>5.35</u> for each additional \$1,000 or fraction thereof.
\$5,000,001-\$50,000,000	\$ 30,261 <u>36,737</u> for the first \$5,000,000 plus \$ 3.85 <u>4.65</u> for each additional \$1,000 or fraction thereof.
\$50,000,001-\$100,000,000	\$ 203,511 <u>245,987</u> for the first \$50,000,000 plus \$ 3.30 <u>4</u> for each additional \$1,000 or fraction thereof.
\$100,000,001 and up	\$ 368,511 <u>445,987</u> for the first \$100,000,000 plus \$ 2.75 <u>3.35</u> for each additional \$1,000 or fraction thereof.

2. Lighting retrofit projects limited to the exchange of fixtures and/or ballasts.

Minimum fee per 5,000 sq. ft. of Building \$~~126~~153

Each additional 1,000 sq. ft. or fraction of..... \$~~13~~16

3. Traffic signals.

Traffic signal and street lighting service only

(If street lighting is inspected by authorized cities or WSDOT) ~~\$126~~153

All others Table B

4. Signs.

Each sign or first field installed neon transformer ~~\$63~~77

Each additional sign or field installed neon transformer..... ~~\$23~~28

Fee includes one inspection.

5. Carnival, circus, fair, trade shows, or similar events.

First ten of rides, generators, concessions, gaming shows, displays, or booths ~~\$149~~181

Each additional ~~\$8~~10

C. Hardwired low voltage – Commercial/Industrial.

Fees for low voltage control panels and devices, such as fire alarm systems, data systems, intrusion alarms, HVAC systems, thermostats, communication systems, emergency control systems, and similar systems are as follows:

Minimum fee per 10,000 sq. ft. of Building ~~\$126~~153

Each additional 1,000 sq. ft. or fraction of..... ~~\$13~~16

D. Overtime:

Overtime inspections including, but not limited to, call outs, weekend inspections, and after hours work must be scheduled with Tacoma Power’s Electrical Inspection Office a minimum of three business days in advance. In addition to the regular Permit fee, a fee for an overtime inspection is required as follows:

1. **Unscheduled:** Outside of an electrical inspector’s regular working hours, the minimum fee for an inspection shall be \$660 for the first two hours, portal to portal, plus \$220 for each hour thereafter. The fee must be paid the next business day.
2. **Scheduled:** Outside of an electrical inspector’s regular working hours, the minimum fee for an inspection shall be \$440 for the first two hours, portal to portal, plus \$220 for each hour thereafter. The fee of \$440 must be paid 48 hours in advance of the scheduled inspection, and any remaining fee must be paid the next business day.
3. Requested inspections that extend beyond the electrical inspector’s regular working hours shall be at the minimum rate of \$220 per hour, portal to portal.

E. Annual Permit.

Pursuant to section 12.06A.350, annual Permits are available to commercial and industrial customers employing their own electrical maintenance staff. An annual Permit may be purchased in lieu of individual Permits for maintenance on each job performed. Annual Permits may be purchased by an electrical contractor to perform maintenance work at a commercial and industrial location if, at the time of application, a valid copy of the electrical contractor’s yearly maintenance contract with the customer is submitted to Tacoma Power and the term and nature of work under such contract is consistent, as determined in the sole discretion of Tacoma Power, with the term and purpose of the annual Permit. Applications for annual Permits submitted without proof of required employment status or a valid maintenance contract will not be accepted. Work performed under an annual Permit is limited to the installation of not more than two new feeders or circuits rated 100 amps or less, and the maintenance, repair, retrofit, or replacement of conductors and equipment. Annual Permits do not include the installation of new, exchanged, or upgraded service equipment, electrical work installed as part of new or added square footage, facility expansion, remodel, or where, except as noted above, load is increased. The annual Permit fee is calculated per Table C.

TABLE C	
Number of one-hour Inspection units	Fee
12	\$1,512 <u>1,833</u>
13-24	\$2,818 <u>3,666</u>
25-36	\$4,536 <u>5,499</u>
37-52	\$6,552 <u>7,942</u>

F. Miscellaneous fees.

1. Wrong meter address or location.

A Permit is required to correct or inspect incorrect meter addressing by the Owner or Owner's agent.....\$63.77 per 1/2 hour

Overtime rates may apply.

2. Miscellaneous inspection (other)\$63.77 per 1/2 hour

3. Variance.

A processing fee for granting an electrical installation as outlined in Section 12.06A.155 of this chapter \$160.177

4. Required inspection on services off for one year or more \$63.77

Fee includes one inspection.

An additional Permit, fees, and inspections may be required if electrical deficiencies exist on the Premises.

12.06A.260 Penalty fees and fee adjustments.

The following-described penalties may be assessed, or the described fee adjustments may be determined appropriate, by order of the Chief Electrical Inspector:

- A. Trip fee (per trip) when permit holder notifies Electrical Inspections Office that work is ready for inspection when it is not,..... \$63.77
- B. The Permit Holder gives an incorrect inspection site address..... \$63.77
- C. Inspections required as a result of carelessness, neglect, faulty workmanship, or materials..... \$63.77
- D. Failing to complete corrections within 15 days as required by this chapter \$63.77
- E. Removal of Stop Work Order \$63.77
- F. Tampering with Stop Work Order penalty fee \$63.77
- G. Occupying a Building, living unit, or business space without final electrical approval \$315.348
- H. Work performed without a Permit.....4X regular Permit fee

This provision does not pertain to emergency work where a permit is purchased the next business day.

- I. Failure to provide or arrange access for requested inspection..... \$63.77
- J. Late charge for nonpayment of penalty fees \$29.32
- K. Permit cancellation administrative process fee..... \$63.77

12.06A.270 Penalty and adjustment fee appeals.

Penalty and Permit adjustment fees are due at the time of assessment unless the assessed party makes an appeal to the Chief Electrical Inspector within 15 business days pursuant to Section 12.06A.360. If payment or appeal is not made within the 15 days, an additional \$25.32 late fee will be assessed and inspection activity will be stopped until the fee and late charges are paid.

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ORDINANCE NO. 29027

1 AN ORDINANCE relating to the Department of Public Utilities, Water Division;
2 amending Chapter 12.10 of the Tacoma Municipal Code, relating to Water
3 Regulations and Rates, by revising various sections to update language
4 and recover increased operating costs, effective April 7, 2025.

4 WHEREAS the City of Tacoma Department of Public Utilities, Water Division
5 ("Tacoma Water") provides domestic and commercial water services inside and
6 outside the city limits, and

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8 WHEREAS the sale of water service, construction charges, and System
9 Development Charges are governed by Tacoma Municipal Code ("TMC") Chapter
10 12.10, including ownership of water mains and appurtenances, and water service
11 fees and charges subject to the new or increased taxes incurred by Tacoma Water
12 will result in increased operating costs, and

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14 WHEREAS the proposed update to water service fees and charges is to
15 recover additional operating costs incurred by Tacoma Water related to
16 Contributions in Aid of Construction, which are assets and/or cash provided to
17 city-owned utilities for customer-related utility projects, and

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19 WHEREAS in addition to the proposed fee schedule, Tacoma Water is
20 recommending modifications to TMC Chapter 12.10 by including any taxes
21 incurred by the division; Now, Therefore,

22 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF TACOMA:

23 Section 1. That the City Council hereby adopts the Recitals of this
24 Ordinance as its formal legislative findings.

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Section 2. That Chapter 12.10 of the Tacoma Municipal Code ("TMC"), relating to Water Regulations and Rates, is hereby amended with respect to Sections 12.10.020, 12.10.170, 12.10.200, 12.10.250, 12.10.300, 12.10.310, and 12.10.315, to update language and charges associated with increased operating costs, effective April 7, 2025, as more fully set forth in the attached Exhibit "A."

Section 3. That the City Clerk, in consultation with the City Attorney's Office, is authorized to make necessary corrections to this ordinance and the affected sections in Chapter 12.10 of the TMC, including, but not limited to, the correction of scrivener's/clerical errors, references, ordinance numbering, section/subsection numbers, and any references thereto.

Passed _____

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk

Approved as to form:

Chief Deputy City Attorney

EXHIBIT “A”

CHAPTER 12.10

WATER – REGULATIONS AND RATES

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12.10.020 Definitions.

For purposes of this chapter, the following words or phrases shall have the meaning set forth herein below:

“Actual cost” or “cost” of any work performed for any person or other agency or City department by the Division includes the direct cost of all labor plus fringe benefits, the direct cost of all materials plus materials overhead, the direct cost of equipment used in connection with the work, all other direct costs incurred in connection with the work, plus administrative and supervisory cost, and all applicable taxes incurred by the Division.

“Accessory dwelling unit” refers to a second subordinate dwelling added to a single-family dwelling on a single parcel of property with provisions for independent cooking, living, sanitation, and sleeping.

“Assessable unit of frontage” is defined as set forth in Chapter 35.44 of the Revised Code of Washington (or as amended).

“Authorized deposit waiver” means an approved option for residential and commercial customers to waive paying a deposit, which is normally required for electric, water, and/or commercial solid waste customers who do not meet the established criteria, as defined in the Tacoma Public Utilities Customer Service Policies. Waiver options are available for home or property owners; customers who are purchasing the property and/or home; and customers who are renting, leasing, or leasing with an option to purchase the property.

“Board” means the Public Utility Board of the Department of Public Utilities of the City of Tacoma.

“CCF” means 100 cubic feet of water (one unit or approximately 748 gallons).

“City” means the City of Tacoma.

“Commercial service” means water service to a business or businesses engaged in the manufacture and/or sale of a commodity or commodities, or the rendering of a service, including hotels, motels, hospitals, and schools.

“Contract business partner” refers to the person or persons who have sole financial responsibility with the City. “Council” means the City Council of the City of Tacoma.

“County” means the county in which service is being provided.

“Cross connection” is any actual or potential physical connection between a public water system or the consumer’s water system and any source of non-potable liquid, solid, or gas that could contaminate the potable water supply by backflow.

“Customer” means all persons obtaining water service from the Division.

“Customer Service Policies” means the Customer Service Policies for the Division, as may be amended.

“Director” means the Director of the Department of Public Utilities of the City of Tacoma.

“Division” means the Water Division of the Department of Public Utilities of the City of Tacoma, and may also include the Department of Public Utilities.

“Fraud” means any act to deceive or defraud the Division including, but not limited to, false identity, failure to provide verifiable identification or obtaining water service and not making appropriate payments for said service.

“Frontage” refers to “frontage of property served” and shall mean the front footage of property to be served, or the short buildable side (50 LF minimum) abutting the water main. For properties not abutting the main, it shall mean the shortest buildable side (50 LF minimum).

“Industrial service” means water service to a business enterprise engaged in the manufacture of products, materials, equipment, machinery, and supplies on a substantial or major scale.

“Multiple dwelling units” means residential duplexes, triplexes, fourplexes, apartment buildings, condominiums, mobile home parks, trailer courts, or similar types of multiple dwelling unit arrangements on one parcel of land.

“Parks and irrigation service” means water service to a public park or irrigation customer with seasonal use for recreational,

landscaping, and horticultural purposes or other similar uses. Irrigation shall include outdoor residential and commercial sprinkler services.

“Person” means all persons and all private and public entities, including districts, cities, towns, counties, and political subdivisions of the state, Native American tribes, partnerships, and corporations, whether acting by themselves or by a servant, agent, or employee. The singular number shall be held and construed to include the plural and the masculine pronoun to include the feminine.

“Premises” means public or private property, home, building, apartment house, condominium, trailer court, mobile home park, a group of adjacent buildings utilized under one ownership on one parcel of property and under a single control with respect to use of water and responsibility for payment therefor.

“Regular working hours” means 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding City holidays.

“Residential service” means water service to a single-family or multi-family dwelling using water for domestic use, or a single-family dwelling permitted to operate a business on the same premises.

“Service installation” means all piping and fittings from the main to and including the water meter assembly. All piping beyond the meter assembly is the customer's responsibility and is not considered a part of the service installation.

“Superintendent” means the Superintendent of the Water Division of the Department of Public Utilities of the City of Tacoma.

“System” means all water source, supply, and quality facilities, transmission pipelines and storage facilities, pumping plants, distribution mains and appurtenances, vehicles, and materials storage facilities.

“Tampering” means to alter, hinder, or obstruct the operation or maintenance of any water facility(ies) and/or their appurtenance(s), or failure to take reasonable care when operating any water facility(ies) and/or their appurtenance(s).

“Temporary water service” means water service obtained from a water main not abutting the parcel served or from a transmission or supply pipeline, or any main 2” or less in diameter.

“Treasurer” means the City Treasurer of the City of Tacoma.

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12.10.170 Ownership of water mains and appurtenances.

The Division shall own, operate, and maintain all Division approved and accepted water mains and related appurtenances in established city, county, and state rights-of-way or other utility rights-of-way, including recorded easements. Any person responsible for the construction of such mains and related appurtenances shall transfer ownership to the Division upon final acceptance. [Water mains and appurtenances, including recorded easements, are considered contributions for or in aid to construction, and shall be accounted for accordingly including any taxes incurred by the Division.](#) No one may operate, remove, change, or connect to any part thereof without the approval of the Division.

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12.10.200 Private contract charges.

Extension of a permanent water main may be constructed by private contract. The developer of the privately financed project will be responsible for all costs and expenses-, [including any overhead and taxes](#) incurred by the Division for preparation of plans and specifications, construction inspection, testing, flushing, sampling of the mains, and other related work necessary to complete the new water main construction to Division standards and specifications. The engineering charge for the preparation of plans and specifications will be estimated by the Division and will include all applicable permit fees. The developer will be required to pay a deposit in the amount of the estimated cost and sign an agreement acknowledging that they are responsible to pay all actual time and materials costs associated with the project. The actual costs for the work will be billed against the developer's deposit. Should the actual costs for engineering the project exceed the deposit amount; the developer will be required to pay the balance prior to receiving the plans and specifications. Prior to construction, a second deposit in the estimated amount for construction inspection, testing, sampling and hydrant painting will be due to the Division. Upon completion of the project, the developer will either be refunded the unused amount of the deposit or billed for the cost overrun. Included in the deposits described above is a \$50 per fire hydrant in the project for painting.

The developer will be responsible for protecting Division facilities, including yokes and boxes, until final acceptance by the Division. After final acceptance of the project, the responsibility for the stub, yoke, box, and meter will belong to each property owner who will be charged accordingly for any damage.

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12.10.250 Water service construction charges.

All water service installations shall be constructed by the Division. For all service installations, the owner or applicant shall pay in advance the fixed charge or a deposit in the amount of the Division's estimated cost for the proposed work. For all estimated work the requestor will be required to sign a time and materials agreement noting their acceptance of the responsibility to pay the actual charges, including any overhead and taxes incurred by the Division. The amount charged for work performed on an estimated basis will be actual costs to the Division. If the actual cost is less than the estimated cost, the customer will be refunded the difference. Should the cost of the installation exceed the deposit amount, the additional amount will be billed to the customer that signed the time and materials agreement accepting the responsibility for actual charges. Failure to pay charges may result in, but not be limited to, termination of water service.

All required City, county, state, and/or other permits and fees are in addition to the charges listed below.

A. Water service construction charges on existing mains shall be as set forth below. In extraordinary circumstances where the Division determines that the fixed charges are not adequate to cover the actual costs, the water service construction charge will be based upon actual costs to the Division, including overhead and taxes.

Water Service Construction Charges on Existing Mains					
Type of Service	Effective Dates				
	1/1/2025	1/1/2026	1/1/2027	1/1/2028	1/1/2029
3/4" Service with 5/8" Meter	\$4,575 \$4,225	\$4,700 \$4,350	\$4,850 \$4,475	\$5,000 \$4,600	\$5,150 \$4,750
1" Service with 5/8" Meter	\$4,650 \$4,275	\$4,800 \$4,400	\$4,950 \$4,525	\$5,100 \$4,650	\$5,250 \$4,800
1" Service with 3/4" Meter	\$4,675 \$4,300	\$4,825 \$4,425	\$4,975 \$4,550	\$5,125 \$4,675	\$5,275 \$4,825
1" Service with 1" Meter	\$4,700 \$4,325	\$4,850 \$4,450	\$5,000 \$4,575	\$5,150 \$4,700	\$5,300 \$4,850
2" Service with 5/8" Meter	\$9,325 \$8,525	\$9,600 \$8,775	\$9,900 \$9,050	\$10,200 \$9,325	\$10,500 \$9,600
2" Service with 1" Meter	\$10,300 \$9,400	\$10,600 \$9,675	\$10,900 \$9,975	\$11,225 \$10,275	\$11,575 \$10,575
2" Service with 1.5" Meter	\$10,675 \$9,750	\$10,975 \$10,050	\$11,300 \$10,350	\$11,650 \$10,650	\$11,975 \$10,975
2" Service with 2" Meter	\$11,050 \$10,100	\$11,375 \$10,400	\$11,725 \$10,700	\$12,075 \$11,025	\$12,425 \$11,350
Meter Exchange from 5/8" to 3/4"	\$850 \$775	\$875 \$800	\$900 \$825	\$925 \$850	\$950 \$875
Meter Exchange from 5/8" to 1"	\$875 \$800	\$900 \$825	\$925 \$850	\$950 \$875	\$975 \$900
Meter Exchange from 5/8" to 1.5"	\$2,500 \$2,325	\$2,575 \$2,400	\$2,650 \$2,475	\$2,725 \$2,550	\$2,800 \$2,625
Meter Exchange from 3/4" to 5/8"	\$600 \$550	\$625 \$650	\$650 \$700	\$675 \$750	\$700 \$825
Meter Exchange from 3/4" to 1"	\$875 \$800	\$900 \$825	\$925 \$850	\$950 \$875	\$975 \$900
Meter Exchange from 1" to 5/8"	\$350 \$325	\$500 \$450	\$650 \$575	\$775 \$700	\$925 \$825
Meter Exchange from 1" to 3/4"	\$350 \$325	\$425 \$375	\$475 \$425	\$525 \$475	\$650 \$575
Meter Exchange from 1" to 2"	\$2,500 \$2,325	\$2,575 \$2,400	\$2,650 \$2,475	\$2,725 \$2,550	\$2,800 \$2,625
Meter Exchange from 1.5" to 1"	\$1,375 \$1,275	\$1,425 \$1,325	\$1,475 \$1,375	\$1,525 \$1,425	\$1,575 \$1,475
Meter Exchange from 1.5" to 2"	\$2,500 \$2,325	\$2,575 \$2,400	\$2,650 \$2,475	\$2,725 \$2,550	\$2,800 \$2,625
Meter Exchange from 2" to 5/8"	\$1,375 \$1,275	\$1,425 \$1,325	\$1,475 \$1,375	\$1,525 \$1,425	\$1,575 \$1,475
Meter Exchange from 2" to 3/4"	\$1,375 \$1,275	\$1,425 \$1,325	\$1,475 \$1,375	\$1,525 \$1,425	\$1,575 \$1,475
Meter Exchange from 2" to 1.5"	\$1,375 \$1,275	\$1,425 \$1,325	\$1,475 \$1,375	\$1,525 \$1,425	\$1,575 \$1,475
Paving*	\$3,250 \$2,925	\$3,350 \$3,025	\$3,450 \$3,125	\$3,550 \$3,225	\$3,650 \$3,325
Flagging*	\$1,000 \$900	\$1,025 \$925	\$1,050 \$950	\$1,075 \$975	\$1,100 \$1,000
*In addition to construction charges, dependent on need					

Service construction charges for services larger than 2-inches will be estimated based upon actual costs to the Division, including any overhead and taxes incurred by the Division.

All services and meters applied for shall be installed within two years of the application. Those customers who have not requested their water service and meter be installed within the two-year period will be required to pay the difference in all current charges and the charges paid at time of application, including the system development charge ("SDC").

Where a service stub was previously installed at the option of the Division, activation of that service shall require payment of all current fees and charges including service construction charge in effect at the time of application for service.

B. Installation of Services and Meters on New Mains.

The standard for residential domestic service is the installation of 3/4-inch services and 5/8-inch meters. Larger service and meter sizes may be provided if requested by the customer and the Division approves the request, or if the Division determines larger service and/or meter is necessary. The developer requesting services and meters for use other than domestic service for residential will be required to provide additional information on the proposed use. Plan review will be required to determine sizing requirements. For stubs, installation occurs after successful samples and pressure tests. For meter installations, system development charges will also apply.

Installation of Services and Meters on New Mains					
Type of Installation	Effective Dates				
	1/1/2025	1/1/2026	1/1/2027	1/1/2028	1/1/2029
3/4" Service Stub	\$875 \$825	\$900 \$850	\$925 \$875	\$950 \$900	\$975 \$925
1" Service Stub	\$1,600 \$1,475	\$1,650 \$1,525	\$1,700 \$1,575	\$1,750 \$1,625	\$1,800 \$1,675
2" Service Stub	\$4,450 \$4,075	\$4,575 \$4,200	\$4,725 \$4,325	\$4,875 \$4,450	\$5,000 \$4,575
5/8" Meter Only	\$350 \$325	\$400 \$350	\$425 \$375	\$450 \$400	\$475 \$425
3/4" Meter Only	\$425 \$400	\$450 \$400	\$475 \$425	\$500 \$425	\$525 \$450
1" Meter Only	\$625 \$575	\$650 \$600	\$675 \$625	\$700 \$650	\$725 \$675
1.5" Meter Only	\$900 \$825	\$925 \$850	\$950 \$875	\$975 \$900	\$1,000 \$925
2" Meter Only	\$1,625 \$1,450	\$1,675 \$1,500	\$1,725 \$1,550	\$1,775 \$1,600	\$1,825 \$1,650
5/8" Meter, Yoke & Box	\$700 \$650	\$725 \$675	\$750 \$700	\$775 \$725	\$800 \$750
3/4" Meter, Yoke & Box	\$925 \$900	\$950 \$925	\$975 \$950	\$1,000 \$975	\$1,025 \$1,000
1" Meter, Yoke & Box	\$1,150 \$1,375	\$1,175 \$1,425	\$1,200 \$1,475	\$1,225 \$1,525	\$1,250 \$1,575
Paving*	\$3,250 \$2,925	\$3,350 \$3,025	\$3,450 \$3,125	\$3,550 \$3,225	\$3,650 \$3,325
Flagging*	\$1,000 \$900	\$1,025 \$925	\$1,050 \$950	\$1,075 \$975	\$1,100 \$1,000
*In addition to construction charges, dependent on need					

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12.10.300 Fire hydrant installation and relocation.

Fire hydrant installation and/or relocation shall be performed by the Division at the customer’s expense. A deposit shall be paid to the Division in the amount of the Division's estimate of the cost to install or relocate a fire hydrant. If the actual cost is less than the estimated cost, the customer will be refunded the difference. Should the cost of installation exceed the deposit amount, the customer will be billed the additional amount.

All costs, [including overhead and taxes incurred by the Division](#) to acquire the necessary City, county, state, and/or other permits to accomplish the installation or relocation are in addition to the above costs.

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12.10.310 System development charge (“SDC”).

A. A system development charge (“SDC”) shall be levied for each new water service connection to the City water system, for a service upgrade requiring a larger meter, or for any existing service with 3-inch and larger meters that exceeds 150 percent of their highest maximum annual daily average water use. The SDC fee is based on an equitable share of the cost of the entire existing water system and future facilities necessary to accommodate projected growth. This fee is established pursuant to RCW 35.92.025, the City Charter, and this chapter. SDCs are considered contributions for or in aid to construction, and shall be accounted for accordingly. [The charges shall be subject to all applicable taxes, including taxes incurred by the Division.](#) Customer water consumption amounts on and after May 9, 1999, the original effective date of Ordinance No. 26408, will be examined to determine whether additional SDC amount is owed to the Department.

B. For retail meters 5/8-inch through 2-inches, the charge will be based on customer class and meter size.

Meter Size (Inches)	Residential		Commercial & Other	
	Inside City	Outside City	Inside City	Outside City
	Effective Date			
	1/1/2020	1/1/2020	1/1/2020	1/1/2020
5/8	\$809	\$970	\$1,061	\$1,273
3/4	\$1,213	\$1,456	\$1,592	\$1,910
1	\$2,022	\$2,426	\$2,653	\$3,183
1.5	\$4,043	\$4,852	\$5,306	\$6,367
2	\$6,469	\$7,763	\$8,489	\$10,187

The SDC for a multiple family dwelling unit arrangement to be served by a single meter shall be calculated by taking the number of units in the premise and multiplying by 60 percent of the SDC for a single-family dwelling (5/8-inch meter) . If said premise chooses in the future to separately meter each premise the additional 40 percent of the SDC for a single-family dwelling (5/8-inch meter) shall be due and payable at the time of application for services.

For meters 3-inches and larger, estimates of anticipated average day and peak day water use will be determined by the Division. Peak day is defined as the maximum 24-hour use during summer months of June through, and including, September.

System Development Charges – 3” Meter Size or Larger		
Cost per Gallon	Inside City of Tacoma	Outside City of Tacoma
	Effective Date	
	1/1/2020	1/1/2020
Average Day	\$2.09	\$2.51
Peak Day	\$2.09	\$2.51

The SDC will be the sum of the average day use multiplied by the average day cost/gallon, and the peak day use minus average day use multiplied by the peak day cost/gallon.

As of April 23, 2001, the SDC paid for meters 3-inches and larger will be adjusted annually based on actual usage. If usage is greater than 110 percent of the anticipated average or peak day use during a 12-month period of time, an additional SDC will be charged, using the same methodology for calculating average day and peak day water use and multiplying by the respective SDC cost per gallon in effect at the time of adjustment. This requirement for an additional SDC may be waived upon satisfactory demonstration by the customer that the increased water use was temporary in nature and will return to the originally anticipated level.

C. SDC Exemptions:

1. New water service connections dedicated exclusively for fire protection purposes shall be exempt from payment of the SDC. The conversion of a dedicated fire service to a service for use other than exclusively for fire protection shall require the payment of the SDC as provided for in subsection B above.
2. The Division requires that all new single family dwelling residential combination domestic/fire sprinkler service and meters be served by a 1-inch service and 3/4-inch meter. If a larger size meter is required for fire protection the customer must install separate fire service and domestic services. The customer is required to pay all fees to construct said 1-inch service and 3/4- inch meter and all applicable main charges. When such use is documented through the plan review process, the SDC for a 5/8- inch meter will apply. The monthly customer charge will be at the standard charge for a 3/4-inch meter as set forth in TMC 12.10.400.
3. If a residential customer has an existing 3/4-inch x 5/8-inch service and meter an exchange to a 3/4-inch meter will be allowed if the customer’s fire protection engineer determines it will provide adequate flow. All applicable fees will apply. If flow tests after the meter exchange show inadequate flow the customer will be required to pay the additional fees to retire the 3/4” service and install a new 1” service. Residential customers requesting an upgrade to an existing meter to a 3/4-inch meter for a combination domestic/fire sprinkler service will be exempt from payment of the additional SDC when such use is approved through the plan review process. The monthly customer charge will be at the standard charge for a 3/4-inch meter as set forth in TMC 12.10.400.
4. Customers who are requesting a separate water service connection and are being provided with water service by way of another Division customer (i.e., multi-premises connection), shall be exempt from payment of the SDC if:

Billing record exists showing multi-premise rate for each premise on meter.

All premises served by meter of record were constructed prior to October 7, 1991.

D. Existing Facilities:

1. Multiple dwelling unit arrangements currently being served by a single meter shall be exempt from payment of the SDC when changing to separate water service connections for each unit if the original meter was installed prior to October 7, 1991. If the existing meter was installed after October 7, 1991, the customer will be required to pay the 40 percent differential for each individual meter installed as noted in B above.

E. Credit policy for retail customers previously or currently metered:

1. When a request or requirement for a larger meter is made, an SDC credit for the existing meter will be made. The credit for meters up to 2-inches will be the current published SDC amount using the rate in place prior to the requested or required up-sizing. For meters 3-inches and larger, the credit would be calculated based on 150 percent of the highest maximum annual daily average water use derived from billing records. If billing records are not available for a specific meter, the SDC credit calculation will be based on a system-wide use data for that size meter.

2. For situations where meters 3-inches or larger exist and water use will increase, but no change in the meter is required, an SDC will not be required unless the projected use is more than 150 percent of historical use. If the projected use exceeds the 150 percent historical use quantity, an SDC will be calculated for the quantity of water in excess of the 150 percent figure. Prior written commitments to deliver a specific quantity of water, if greater than 150 percent of historical use, will be honored.

3. Credit shall be given for inactive or previously removed meters that can be verified by Division records. The credit will be determined as stated in subsection E.1 above.

Multiple dwelling unit arrangements – Credit for existing multiple dwelling unit meters shall be calculated at 60 percent of the applicable 5/8-inch meter rate per unit and applied to the required SDC if previously served by a single meter.

4. Credits as computed will be subtracted from the determined SDC amount. If an available credit exceeds the SDC amount, the balance shall remain with the parcel previously receiving water service. No refunds shall be allowed for the amount of this credit.

5. All SDC credits are non-transferable unless parcels are combined to facilitate redevelopment.

6. This section is not applicable to the Pulp Mill's existing services.

F. For wholesale meters, as sized by the Division, the SDC will be determined based on the customer's anticipated water use.

1. Estimates of anticipated average day use and peak day water use will be submitted to and approved by the Division. Peak day is defined as the maximum 24-hour use during summer months of June through, and including, September. The average and peak day SDC costs are determined by the charges set forth in the Outside City of Tacoma column of the System Development Charges table for 3" meter size or larger of this section.

The SDC will be the sum of the average day use multiplied by the average day cost/gallon and the peak day use minus average day multiplied by the peak day cost/gallon.

The SDC, as of the effective date of this ordinance, will be adjusted annually based on actual usage. If usage is greater than 110 percent of the anticipated average or peak day use during a 12-month period of time, an additional SDC may be charged using the same methodology for calculating average day and peak day water use and multiplying by the respective SDC cost per gallon in effect at the time of adjustment. This requirement for an additional SDC may be waived upon satisfactory demonstration by the customer that the increased water use was temporary in nature and that water use will return to the originally anticipated level.

2. For situations where an existing wholesale customer is increasing its purchase of water, SDC credit for existing service will be based on either maximum historic use or prior written commitments to deliver a specific quantity of water, whichever is greater.

G. SDCs for meters 2-inches and smaller are payable in full at the time the meter installation is requested. Time payments will be allowed for SDCs for meters 3-inches and larger, for up to ten years, at the discretion of the customer, as follows:

1. When a down payment of 20 percent or more is initially paid, the Division will accept annual payments, with interest, on the unpaid balance calculated using the then current prime rate of interest less 2 percent.

2. When a down payment of at least 10 percent, but less than 20 percent, is initially paid, the Division will accept annual payments, with interest, on the unpaid balance calculated using the then current prime rate of interest.

3. The time payment agreements shall provide that this obligation constitutes a lien on the benefited premises and that the City has the right to terminate water service for any nonpayment of the amounts due on the outstanding balance. In addition, unless the customer is a financially stable public entity, the customer shall be required to provide security such as a financial guarantee

bond to guarantee payment of the SDC or make incremental prepayments of the SDC plus interest on the balance of the outstanding total amount of the SDC.

H. Rate Adder to Recover Capital Costs Not Covered by the SDC. In addition to paying the SDC set forth in this section, a customer who proposes to use water for a new or enlarged power plant, and who does not use best available water conservation technology (BAWCT), shall be required to pay, in addition to the applicable water rate, an adder to such rate in accordance with the Division's Customer Service Policy for New Power Plants. The adder shall be calculated to recover over a period of 20 years a portion of the capital costs that are not covered by the SDC for such customer. This present value of the adder (spread over 20 years) will be equivalent to an SDC on that portion of the customer's water consumption that is in excess of the amount of water the customer would have consumed had BAWCT been used. Said customers shall also be required to enter into a water service agreement with the Division, and such agreement shall be submitted to the Public Utility Board for approval.

12.10.315 Water main charge.

Where all or a portion of the premises to be served has not been previously assessed or contributed its share towards the cost of installing a permanent distribution main to serve such premises, or the property does not abut a distribution water main, water service shall be provided upon payment of a water main charge, including all applicable taxes incurred by the Division, -as provided for in this section, in addition to a water service construction charge, in accordance with TMC 12.10.250 and the SDC in accordance with TMC 12.10.310.

If the main is a temporary main and is not acceptable for meeting the water requirements of the customer, the service will be installed and connected to the nearest water main that is acceptable in accordance with TMC 12.10.350, Water main charge - Premises not abutting a water main. If the temporary main is a supply or transmission pipeline, the water service will be installed in accordance with the Customer Service Policies (Direct Service From Supply and Transmission Pipelines).

Credit shall be given for the portion of the property which has been previously assessed or has contributed its share toward the cost of installing a permanent water main. Water main charge shall be based on the frontage of the property served, as determined by the Division, in accordance with the following schedule and subject to the following terms and conditions:

A. Residential Service.

The water main charge shall be based on the frontage of the property served. The minimum charge shall be based on 20 front feet and the maximum charge on 100 front feet.

Commencing 1/1/2007
\$50/per front foot

B. Commercial Service.

Where the property is zoned for the same, the water main charge shall be based on the entire frontage of the property served. The minimum charge shall be based on 50 front feet.

Commencing 1/1/2007
\$50/per front foot

C. Industrial Service.

Where the property is zoned for the same, the water main charge shall be based on the entire frontage of the property served. The minimum charge shall be based on 50 front feet.

Commencing 1/1/2007
\$55/per front foot

D. Water main charges for services abutting a permanent main shall be considered revenue of the Division.

The water main charge herein above provided for shall be credited to and considered as a benefit to the specific property served by said connection. Said property so benefited shall be described and recorded as a part of the Division's permanent records pertaining thereto.

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