



RESOLUTION NO. U-11511

1 A RESOLUTION related to amending Chapters 12.01 and 12.06A of the
2 Tacoma Municipal Code, revising the disconnection and reconnection
3 fees and the inspection and permitting fees, to cover increases in
4 operating and labor costs associated with those fees, all with a proposed
5 effective date of April 7, 2025.

6 WHEREAS, the City of Tacoma, Department of Public Utilities, Light
7 Division ("Tacoma Power") requests revision of the Chapter 12.01 "Utility
8 Charges" and Chapter 12.06A "Electrical Code" of the Tacoma Municipal Code
9 ("TMC"), and

10 WHEREAS Tacoma Power requests that the Public Utility Board ("PUB")
11 revise the disconnection/reconnection fees in Chapter 12.01 of the TMC and
12 the inspection and permitting fees in Chapter 12.06A of the TMC (collectively,
13 the "Fees"), to include recovery of increased operating and labor costs, effective
14 April 7, 2025, and

15 WHEREAS on October 23, 2024, the PUB approved Resolution No.
16 U-11483, which proposed updated Fees to cover increased costs associated
17 with providing the services due to general inflation, vehicle costs, and the need
18 to hire a full-time inspector to provide swifter resolution of inspection requests,
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20 WHEREAS on December 3, 2024, the Tacoma City Council approved
21 those updated Fees in Ordinance 28995 with an anticipated April 1, 2025,
22 effective date, and
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1 WHEREAS Tacoma Power is proposing this update to the Fees to
2 include recent increases in operating and labor costs and will supersede the
3 fees approved in 2024, and
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5 WHEREAS the proposed changes include increased labor costs to
6 provide these services based on significant market volatility since just last year,
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9 WHEREAS although Tacoma Power has been paying state B&O taxes
10 on the revenue from the Fees, the utility has not recovered these operating
11 costs in its calculation of the Fees, and
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13 WHEREAS furthermore, TMC 6A.100.040 was recently amended to
14 remove the exemption for the Fees from the City's gross earnings tax, and
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16 WHEREAS these modifications are consistent with the cost-causation
17 principle in ratemaking and include these additional operating costs, and
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19 WHEREAS if these Fees are not updated, the additional expense
20 associated with these services will be paid by retail customers, Now, therefore,
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22 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PUBLIC UTILITY BOARD OF THE CITY OF TACOMA:

23 Sec. 1. The proposed amendment and revisions to the
24 fees in Chapter 12.01 and 12.06A of the Tacoma Municipal Code are hereby
25 approved with a proposed effective date of April 7, 2025.
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 Sec. 2. The Council of the City of Tacoma is requested to pass an
 ordinance amending Chapters 12.01 and 12.06A of the Tacoma Municipal



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Code consistent with this Resolution, in substantially the form as set forth in the documents on file with the Clerk of the Board, and in a final form to be approved by the City Attorney's Office.

Approved as to form:

/s/
Chief Deputy City Attorney

Charlene Jones
Clerk

John O'Byrne
Chair
[Signature]
Secretary

Adopted *2-26-25*