



RESOLUTION NO. 39262

1 BY REQUEST OF COUNCIL MEMBERS CAMPBELL, MELLO, AND WOODARDS

2 A RESOLUTION authorizing funding in the amount of \$50,000 in 2015 and
3 \$50,000 in 2016, for a total of \$100,000, budgeted from the Council
4 Contingency Fund, for the operation of the Wood Stove Program by the
5 Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department; and authorizing the execution of
6 a Memorandum of Understanding with the Tacoma-Pierce County Health
7 Department to outline the terms and deliverables for said City contribution.

8 WHEREAS the Wood Stove Program (“Program”), operated by the Puget
9 Sound Clean Air Agency (“PSCAA”) in partnership with Tacoma-Pierce County
10 Health Department (“TPCHD”), was formed in response to a 2009 Environmental
11 Protection Agency (“EPA”) finding that the Tacoma-Pierce County area was out of
12 compliance with the Clean Air Act due to the severity of fine particle pollution
13 caused by older wood-burning devices, and

14 WHEREAS the Program was developed to help residents in a targeted area
15 of Pierce County, known as the Smoke Reduction Zone (“Zone”), replace
16 uncertified wood-burning devices with cleaner heating options through education,
17 outreach, and financial assistance, with an emphasis on connecting low-income
18 households and other underserved populations with more environmentally friendly
19 stoves or other heating devices, such as gas appliances or heat pumps, and

20 WHEREAS the partnership began in 2007 and was, until this year, funded
21 through a \$100,000 contract with PSCAA and a match of approximately \$100,000
22 by the TPCHD, and

23 WHEREAS the Program, having exhausted all previously awarded grant
24 funding, is currently on hold, and
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WHEREAS additional funding is expected from the Department of Ecology to finance woodstove replacements, but said funding does not include staff and administrative costs, and

WHEREAS, in May 2015, the PSCAA indicated that it would be reducing Pierce County funding, including its contribution toward the Program, and

WHEREAS, given the importance of the Program and the necessity of remaining in compliance with EPA standards, the TPCHD is now seeking Program support from the City, and

WHEREAS the cost of the Program is approximately \$200,000 per year, which covers staff and other administrative costs, and

WHEREAS the proposed 2015-2016 Program funding is as follows: for 2015, \$50,000 from the City, \$50,000 from the last portion of the PSCAA contract, and \$100,000 from the TPCHD; and for 2016, \$50,000 from the City, \$50,000 from Pierce County, and \$100,000 from the TPCHD, and

WHEREAS the proposed funding would be used for costs associated with verifying income qualification for financial assistance awarded to residents, as well as outreach and education, and

WHEREAS funds would also be available to focus on particular neighborhoods, such as the Lincoln and South End neighborhoods of the City, and

WHEREAS staff will negotiate and execute a Memorandum of Understanding, outlining the terms and deliverables for the City's contribution, and



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WHEREAS an appropriation from the Council Contingency Fund requires an affirmative vote of not less than six members of the City Council; Now, Therefore,

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

Section 1. That funding in the amount of \$50,000 for 2015, and \$50,000 for 2016, for a total of \$100,000, budgeted from the Council Contingency Fund, is hereby approved for the purpose of supporting the Wood Stove Program operated by the Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department.

Section 2. That the proper officers of the City are hereby authorized to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department for the purposes hereinabove enumerated, said document to be substantially in the form of the Memorandum of Understanding on file in the office of the City Clerk.

Adopted _____

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk

Approved as to form:

Deputy City Attorney