



## RESOLUTION NO. 39624

1 A RESOLUTION relating to community gardens; authorizing the execution of a  
2 Memorandum of Understanding with Pierce County Public Works, the  
3 Metropolitan Park District of Tacoma, and Pierce County Conservation  
4 District, in the amount of \$477,601, budgeted from ES Wastewater Fund  
5 4300, for continued support of the Harvest Pierce County community  
6 garden program for the period of January 1, 2017, through December 31,  
7 2020.

8 WHEREAS community gardens are an excellent venue for community  
9 education on recycling, composting, biosolids, and water conservation, and  
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11 WHEREAS education about recycling, compost, and biosolids provides  
12 citizens with the knowledge and understanding of sewer and solid waste utility  
13 programs supporting environmentally friendly methods for reuse of yard waste  
14 and wastewater byproducts through the production, sale, and use of TAGRO  
15 and compost, and

16 WHEREAS the reuse of wastewater and solid waste byproducts reduces  
17 utility operational costs associated with disposal of yard waste and wastewater  
18 byproducts providing a benefit to utility customers and the community, and

19 WHEREAS the City believes that community gardens not only provide  
20 access to healthy food, but promote healthy lifestyles and a greater sense of  
21 community, and

22 WHEREAS the City has established a goal of having the greatest number  
23 of community gardens per capita of any city in the United States, and

24 WHEREAS Tacoma has more than 35 community gardens, including 11  
25 on City-owned property, and  
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1           WHEREAS the City, in partnership with Pierce County and Metropolitan  
2 Park District of Tacoma (“Metro Parks”), has been supporting community  
3 gardens for more than four years through Memorandums of Understanding  
4 (“MOU”), and  
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6           WHEREAS the proposed MOU between the City, Pierce County Public  
7 Works, Metro Parks, and Pierce County Conservation District, includes a  
8 strategy to build a community-based food system by supporting all existing  
9 community gardens in the City and Pierce County, and encouraging the  
10 development of additional community gardens, and  
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12           WHEREAS the City currently provides over one-third of the funding for  
13 the Harvest Pierce County community garden program, and will provide the sum  
14 of \$477,601, budgeted from ES Wastewater Fund 4300, for the period of  
15 January 1, 2017, through December 31, 2020; Now, Therefore,  
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17           BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TACOMA:

18           That the proper officers of the City are hereby authorized to execute a  
19 Memorandum of Understanding with Pierce County Public Works, the  
20 Metropolitan Park District of Tacoma, and Pierce County Conservation District,  
21 in the amount of \$477,601, budgeted from ES Wastewater Fund 4300, for  
22 continued support of the Harvest Pierce County community garden program for  
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1 the period of January 1, 2017, through December 31, 2020, said document to be  
2 substantially in the form of the proposed Memorandum of Understanding on file  
3 in the office of the City Clerk.  
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5 Adopted \_\_\_\_\_  
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8 Mayor

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11 City Clerk

12 Approved as to form:  
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15 Chief Deputy City Attorney

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