



ORDINANCE NO. 28843

1 AN ORDINANCE relating to the Department of Public Utilities; authorizing the
2 reissuance of Tacoma Municipal Belt Line (“TMBL”) 8807 series freight
3 switching tariff and TMBL 6004 series demurrage tariffs, effective January 1,
4 2023, and a switching tariff supplement, effective January 1, 2024.

4 WHEREAS Tacoma Rail’s customers consist of local industries and other
5 railroads, and switching tariffs define the line haul and miscellaneous switching
6 charges allocated to the movement of railcars, and

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8 WHEREAS Tacoma Rail’s Tacoma Municipal Belt Line (“TMBL”) tariff rates
9 associated with unit train and other Tacoma interchanged line haul traffic were last
10 updated in 2022, and miscellaneous switching rates were last updated in 2021, and

11 WHEREAS Tacoma Rail’s rates encapsulate cost of service practices, and
12 line haul rates are charged to the BNSF or Union Pacific railroads unless the
13 industry served or the shipper elects to pay the fees themselves, and

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15 WHEREAS the switching tariff rate adjustments for 2023 include a system
16 average rate increase of 4.3 percent over current rates, a special switch rate
17 increase of \$85 to \$600, and a 3 percent increase to all miscellaneous switching
18 rates, and

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20 WHEREAS the 2024 tariff supplement increases the line haul traffic rates by
21 a system average of 4.3 percent, and

22 WHEREAS demurrage is a federal requirement for railroads to charge for the
23 undo detention of railcars, and Tacoma Rail’s demurrage tariff was last updated in
24 2018, and

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WHEREAS the proposed tariff increases the demurrage rate by \$5 per day, for a total of \$65, and also adds Juneteenth as a holiday, and

WHEREAS Tacoma Rail provides railroad services to customers primarily in the Port of Tacoma area, and its primary rate payers are BNSF Railway and Union Pacific Railroad, and

WHEREAS the proposed tariff changes have been communicated through public meetings and individual communications with customers, and

WHEREAS by adoption of Public Utility Board Resolution No. U-11358 on October 26, 2022, the proposed amendment was approved, pending confirmation from the City Council; Now, Therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF TACOMA:

Section 1. That the proposed Tacoma Rail Tacoma Municipal Belt ("TMBL") Line 8807 series freight switching tariff and TMBL 6004 series demurrage tariffs, effective January 1, 2023, are adopted in substantially the form as on file in the office of the City Clerk.



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Section 2. That the proposed tariff supplement with an effective date of January 1, 2024, is adopted in substantially the form as on file in the office of the City Clerk.

Passed _____

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk

Approved as to form:

Chief Deputy City Attorney

Requested by Public Utility Board
Resolution No. U-11358