



## ORDINANCE NO. 28916

1 AN ORDINANCE relating to property tax levies; fixing the amount of the  
2 Emergency Medical Services levy necessary to identify the amount of  
3 the estimated revenues from the property tax levy to match estimated  
4 expenditures for debt service and other funding requirements.

5 WHEREAS, pursuant to RCW 84.52.020 and RCW 84.52.070, the City of  
6 Tacoma is requesting property taxes for Emergency Medical Services (“EMS”) in  
7 the amount as described below and as certified to Pierce County, and

8 WHEREAS property tax levies are limited by RCW 84.55.0101, to an  
9 increase of 1 percent on the highest levy since 1985, and by RCW 84.52.069, to  
10 \$0.50 per \$1,000 of assessed property value in the taxing district, and

11 WHEREAS the 2024 levy is limited to \$21,327,972.68, and does not include  
12 new construction and refunds, and

13 WHEREAS the City must take two actions to set the regular EMS tax levy for  
14 2024: (1) approve the total EMS levy amount to be collected; and (2) approve the  
15 EMS levy rate, setting the rate at \$0.50 per \$1,000 assessed value as approved by  
16 voters in August 2023, and

17 WHEREAS the City has the authority to increase the total EMS levy amount  
18 to \$21,327,972.68 in 2024, which includes the levy rate of \$0.50 per \$1,000  
19 assessed property value approved by voters in August 2023, and

20 WHEREAS the City anticipates that it can collect an additional \$527.32 due  
21 to a change in state assessed value, and  
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WHEREAS the total estimated EMS property tax of \$21,328,500.00 is consistent with the property tax projected in the proposed 2023-2024 Mid-Biennium Budget Modification, and

WHEREAS jurisdictions with populations of 10,000 or greater are limited to increasing the City's levy by the lower of 1 percent or the rate of inflation, and the implicit price deflator used to measure inflation is 3.67 percent; Now, Therefore,

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF TACOMA:**

Section 1. That the City Council approves setting the rate of \$0.50 per \$1,000 assessed value as approved by votes in August 2023.

Section 2. That the City of Tacoma hereby certifies to Pierce County the total levy for Emergency Medical Services in the amount of \$21,327,972.68, and an additional \$527.32 due to a change in state assessed value to be collected in 2024.

Section 3. That the taxes herein provided for are levied to match the estimated expenditures for debt service and other funding requirements and are hereby levied upon all the real and personal property as shown by the assessment in Pierce County ("County") as finally and hereafter fixed by the County and State Board of Equalization, and as finally extended upon the books of the County Assessor showing the property within said City, subject to taxation for municipal purposes and upon the amount of said real and personal property in accordance with certified assessed valuation of all taxable property within the City of Tacoma as fixed in 2023 for collection in 2024, as provided by the Pierce County Assessor.



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Section 4. That the taxes collected from the levy hereby fixed and made, together with the estimated revenues from sources other than Ad Valorem taxation, which will constitute the appropriations of the City for the fiscal year 2024, are hereby available for appropriation, all as itemized and classified in the Biennial Budget Modification for the fiscal years 2023-2024, as adopted, pursuant to the laws of the state of Washington.

Passed \_\_\_\_\_

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Mayor

Attest:  
  
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City Clerk

Approved as to form:  
  
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Interim City Attorney