



ORDINANCE NO. 28984

1 AN ORDINANCE relating to property tax levies; authorizing an increase for the
2 Emergency Medical Services property tax levy in terms of both dollars and
percentage for collection in the 2025 tax year.

3 WHEREAS, pursuant to RCW 84.55.120, the City is requesting an
4 increase to the Tacoma Emergency Medical Services (“EMS”) property tax levy
5 for collection in the 2025 tax year, and
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7 WHEREAS it is necessary to identify the amount of estimated revenues
8 from property tax levies to match the estimated expenditures for debt service and
9 other funding requirements, and
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11 WHEREAS property tax levies are limited by RCW 84.55.0101, to an
12 increase of 1 percent on the highest levy since 1985; and for the EMS property tax
13 levy, by RCW 84.52.069, to \$0.50 per \$1,000 of assessed property value in the
14 taxing district, and

15 WHEREAS jurisdictions with populations of 10,000 or greater are limited
16 to increasing the City’s levy by the lower of 1 percent or the rate of inflation, and
17 the implicit price deflator used to measure inflation is 2.57 percent, and
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19 WHEREAS in 2023, voters approved a levy lid lift for the EMS property tax
20 levy of \$0.50 per \$1,000 assessed property for collection in the 2024 tax year,
21 and also allowed the City to increase the levy by up to six percent per year for
22 collection in tax years 2025 through 2029, or to the statutory limit of \$0.50 per
23 \$1,000 of Assessed Value, as calculated by the Pierce County Auditor, and
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25 WHEREAS this ordinance authorizes an increase of six percent, or
26 \$1,273,836.83 over the 2024 actual EMS property tax levy of \$21,230,613.72,



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exclusive of additional revenue derived from new construction, improvements to property, newly constructed wind turbines, any annexations that have occurred and administrative refunds made, and any increase in the value of state-assessed property, and

WHEREAS through a separate action, an ordinance will establish the maximum allowable EMS property tax levy amount for collection in the 2025 tax year at \$22,504,450.55, exclusive of the additional revenue, and

WHEREAS this recommendation is consistent with the EMS property tax revenues projected in the 2025-2026 Proposed Budget, and

WHEREAS the City held a properly noticed public hearing on the proposed increase to the EMS property tax levy on October 29, 2024; Now, Therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF TACOMA:

That the Tacoma Emergency Medical Services property tax levy is hereby authorized to increase by six percent or \$1,273,836.83 from the previous year's actual EMS property tax levy of \$21,230,613.72, exclusive of additional revenue derived from new construction, improvements to property, newly constructed wind turbines, any annexations that have occurred and administrative refunds



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Passed _____

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk

Approved as to form:

Deputy City Attorney