



RESOLUTION NO. 38971

1 A RESOLUTION relating to the City Charter Review; transmitting 12 ballot
2 measures to the Pierce County Auditor to be placed on the ballot for the
Special Municipal Election to be held on Tuesday, November 4, 2014.

3 WHEREAS, on November 11, 2013, the City Council adopted
4 Resolution No. 38773, creating a Charter Review Committee ("Committee") for the
5 purpose of reviewing the existing Charter of the City of Tacoma ("City Charter"),
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8 WHEREAS, on or before May 6, 2014, the Committee finished its review
9 and submitted its recommendations to the City Council, and
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11 WHEREAS the City Council reviewed the Committee recommendations,
12 along with additional amendments proposed by the City Council and staff, at its
13 Special Meeting of June 17, 2014, and agreed to advance 12 amendments to the
14 City Charter for consideration as resolutions at the regular July 15, 2014, meeting
15 of the City Council, and
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17 WHEREAS the City Council considered said recommendations and
18 amendments thereto at its meeting of July 15, 2014, and by a majority vote
19 determined it advisable and in the best interest of the citizens of the City to submit
20 12 of the recommendations, in the form of propositions, to the voters of the City;

21 Now, Therefore,

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

23 Section 1. That there be submitted to the electors of the City of Tacoma, at
24 a special municipal election to be held on Tuesday, the 4th day of November 2014,
25 for their adoption and approval or rejection, the proposed amendments to the
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1 Charter of the City of Tacoma (“City Charter”) contemplated and provided for in
2 Resolution Nos. 38948, 38949, 38950, 38951, 38952, 38953, 38954, 38955,
3 38956, 38957, 38958, and 38959, as follows:

4 A RESOLUTION AND PROPOSITION to amend Article II, Sections 2.4, 2.7,
5 2.19 and 2.20; Article III, Section 3.7; Article V, Sections 5.1, 5.2, 5.3, 5.5, and 5.6;
6 and Article VI, Section 6.11(b), of the Tacoma City Charter to bring election-related
7 provisions in conformance with state law and City practice.

8 A RESOLUTION AND PROPOSITION to amend Article II, Sections 2.1, 2.2,
9 2.3, 2.35, 2.4, 2.6, 2.7, 2.9, 2.10, and 2.12; Article III, Sections 3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 3.4,
10 3.5, 3.6, 3.7, and 3.12; Article IV, Sections 4.9, 4.13, 4.18, and 4.21; Article V,
11 Sections 5.4 and 5.6; Article VI, Sections 6.3, 6.4, 6.9, 6.11, 6.12, 6.13, 6.14, and
12 6.15; Article VII, Sections 7.5, 7.7, 7.9, and 7.10; Article IX, Section 9.7; and
13 Article X, Sections 10.2, 10.3, 10.4, and 10.6, of the Tacoma City Charter to
14 replace gender-specific language with gender-neutral language, and deleting or
15 replacing obsolete terms and provisions.
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18 A RESOLUTION AND PROPOSITION to amend Article VI, Section 6.7, of
19 the Tacoma City Charter to add color, ancestry, gender-identity, sexual orientation,
20 familial status, honorably discharged veteran, and military status to the list of
21 classes protected from discrimination in City employment.
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23 A RESOLUTION AND PROPOSITION to amend Article II, Section 2.13, of
24 the Tacoma City Charter to allow emergency ordinances to take effect immediately
25 upon passage rather than after publication.
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A RESOLUTION AND PROPOSITION to amend Article III, Section 3.4, of the Tacoma City Charter to require City Council confirmation for appointment of department heads.

A RESOLUTION AND PROPOSITION to amend Article IV, Section 4.18, of the Tacoma City Charter to require City Council confirmation of the appointment of the Director of Utilities by the Public Utility Board, with reconfirmation by the City Council every two years following annual performance reviews by the Public Utility Board.

A RESOLUTION AND PROPOSITION to amend Article III of the Tacoma City Charter by adding a new Section 3.13, to require a Landmarks Preservation Commission.

A RESOLUTION AND PROPOSITION to amend Article II, Section 2.35, of the Tacoma City Charter dealing with term limits, by allowing a person to serve ten consecutive years as a Council Member and two full consecutive terms as Mayor.

A RESOLUTION AND PROPOSITION to amend Article II, Section 2.3, of the Tacoma City Charter to add a Citizen Commission on Elected Salaries to determine the compensation and salary of the Mayor and Council.

A RESOLUTION AND PROPOSITION to amend Article IX of the Tacoma City Charter by deleting Section 9.4, removing the prohibition against new cemeteries, mausoleums, or crematories within the City of Tacoma.

A RESOLUTION AND PROPOSITION to amend Article VI, Section 6.6, of the Tacoma City Charter, to allow City employees to contract for utility services



and participate in conservation, environmental, and other programs available to the public generally and as otherwise allowed by state law.

A RESOLUTION AND PROPOSITION to amend Article VI of the Tacoma City Charter by deleting Section 6.3, removing citizenship and City residency as requirements of eligibility for City employment

Section 2. That a Special Municipal Election is hereby called for the 4th day of November, 2014, to be held in conjunction with the general election, to vote upon the adoption and approval or rejection of the 12 propositions hereinabove set forth, and the Auditor of Pierce County, as ex officio supervisor of elections, is hereby requested to call and hold such election and to place upon the ballot at such election the propositions as to whether or not said proposed City Charter amendments as set forth in the resolutions of the City Council, Nos. 38948 through 38959, shall be adopted and, further, to give the proper notice thereof, all as provided by law.

Section 3. That said contemplated and proposed City Charter amendments shall be voted upon separately and individually in the following manner:

That there shall be placed upon the ballot a statement of the substance of said proposed amendments to the Charter of the City of Tacoma in substantially the following form:



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PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENT NO. 1

SUBMITTED BY THE TACOMA CITY COUNCIL
CONFORM CITY ELECTION PROVISIONS TO STATE LAW

The Tacoma City Council adopted Resolution No. 38948 to amend the City Charter. This proposition would amend sections 2.4, 2.7, 2.19, 2.20, 3.7, 5.1, 5.2, 5.3, 5.5, 5.6, and 6.11(b) to bring election-related provisions in conformance with state law and City practice, all as provided in Resolution No. 38948.

Should this proposition be approved? Yes No

PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENT NO. 2

SUBMITTED BY THE TACOMA CITY COUNCIL
REMOVE AND REPLACE OBSOLETE LANGUAGE

The Tacoma City Council adopted Resolution No. 38949 to amend the City Charter. This proposition would amend various sections of the City Charter by replacing gender specific language with gender neutral language and deleting or replacing obsolete terms and provisions, all as provided in Resolution No. 38949.

Should this proposition be approved? Yes No

PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENT NO. 3

SUBMITTED BY THE TACOMA CITY COUNCIL
UPDATE DISCRIMINATION PROVISION

The Tacoma City Council adopted Resolution No. 38950 to amend the City Charter. This proposition would amend Charter Section 6.7 to add color, ancestry, gender-identity, sexual orientation, familial status, honorably discharged veteran, and military status to the list of classes protected from discrimination in City employment, all as provided in Resolution No. 38950.

Should this proposition be approved? Yes No



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PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENT NO. 4

SUBMITTED BY THE TACOMA CITY COUNCIL
EMERGENCY ORDINANCE EFFECTIVE DATE

The Tacoma City Council adopted Resolution No. 38951 to amend the City Charter. This proposition would amend Charter Section 2.13 to allow emergency ordinances to take effect immediately upon passage rather than after publication all as provided in Resolution No. 38951.

Should this proposition be approved? Yes No

PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENT NO. 5

SUBMITTED BY THE TACOMA CITY COUNCIL
COUNCIL CONFIRMATION OF DEPARTMENT DIRECTORS

The Tacoma City Council adopted Resolution No. 38952 to amend the City Charter. This proposition would amend Charter Section 3.4 to require Council confirmation for appointment of department heads, all as provided in Resolution No. 38952.

Should this proposition be approved? Yes No

PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENT NO. 6

SUBMITTED BY THE TACOMA CITY COUNCIL
COUNCIL CONFIRMATION OF UTILITY DIRECTOR

The Tacoma City Council adopted Resolution No. 38953 to amend the City Charter. This proposition would amend Charter Section 4.18 to require City Council confirmation of the appointment of the Director of Utilities by the Public Utility Board, with reconfirmation by the City Council every two years following annual performance reviews by the Public Utility Board, all as provided in Resolution No. 38953.

Should this proposition be approved? Yes No



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PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENT NO. 7

SUBMITTED BY THE TACOMA CITY COUNCIL
LANDMARKS PRESERVATION COMMISSION

The Tacoma City Council adopted Resolution No. 38954 to amend the City Charter. This proposition would add a new section to the Charter to require a Landmarks Preservation Commission, all as provided in Resolution No. 38954.

Should this proposition be approved? Yes No

PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENT NO. 8

SUBMITTED BY THE TACOMA CITY COUNCIL
MAYOR AND COUNCIL TERM LIMITS

The Tacoma City Council adopted Resolution No. 38955 to amend the City Charter. This proposition would amend Charter Section 2.35 dealing with term limits by allowing a person to serve ten consecutive years as a Council Member and two full consecutive terms as Mayor, all as provided in Resolution No. 38955.

Should this proposition be approved? Yes No

PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENT NO. 9

SUBMITTED BY THE TACOMA CITY COUNCIL
CITIZEN COMMISSION ON ELECTED SALARIES

The Tacoma City Council adopted Resolution No. 38956 to amend the City Charter. This proposition would amend Charter Section 2.3 to add a Citizen Commission on Elected Salaries to determine the compensation and salary of the Mayor and Council, all as provided in Resolution No. 38956.

Should this proposition be approved? Yes No



PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENT NO. 10

SUBMITTED BY THE TACOMA CITY COUNCIL
CEMETERIES, MAUSOLEUMS, OR CREMATORIES

The Tacoma City Council adopted Resolution No. 38957 to amend the City Charter. This proposition would remove the prohibition against new cemeteries, mausoleums, or crematories within the City of Tacoma by deleting Charter Section 9.4, all as provided in Resolution No. 38957.

Should this proposition be approved? Yes No

PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENT NO. 11

SUBMITTED BY THE TACOMA CITY COUNCIL
CITY EMPLOYEE CONTRACTS

The Tacoma City Council adopted Resolution No. 38958 to amend the City Charter. This proposition would amend Charter Section 6.6 to allow City employees to contract for utility services and participate in conservation, environmental and other programs available to the public generally and as otherwise allowed by state law, all as provided in Resolution No. 38958.

Should this proposition be approved? Yes No

PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENT NO. 12

SUBMITTED BY THE TACOMA CITY COUNCIL
ELIGIBILITY FOR CITY EMPLOYMENT

The Tacoma City Council adopted Resolution No. 38959 to amend the City Charter. This proposition would remove citizenship and City residency as requirements of eligibility for City employment by deleting Charter Section 6.3, all as provided in Resolution 38959.

Should this proposition be approved? Yes No

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Every qualified voter at said special municipal election desiring to vote for the adoption and approval of any of said propositions shall vote a ballot containing the word "Yes" with respect thereto.

Every qualified voter desiring to vote for the rejection of any of said propositions shall vote a ballot containing the word "No" with respect thereto.

Section 4. That not less than 45 days before the date of such election, the City Clerk shall certify to the County Auditor, as ex officio supervisor of elections, a certified copy of this resolution, together with the 12 propositions aforesaid, in the form of ballot titles conforming to the foregoing statements thereof.

The City Clerk shall cause the proposed City Charter amendments to be published in the daily newspaper having the largest general circulation, published in the City of Tacoma, at least once each week for four consecutive weeks next preceding the day of submitting the same to the electors for their approval or rejection, all in the manner provided in the Constitution and laws of the State of Washington.

Section 5. That if a majority of the qualified voters voting upon said propositions, or any of them shall vote for the approval and adoption thereof, it shall be deemed and taken that said proposed City Charter amendments have been assented to by the qualified voters, and the same shall thereupon stand approved. If a majority of the qualified voters voting upon said propositions, or any of them, shall vote against the approval or adoption thereof, it shall be deemed and taken that said proposed City Charter amendment or amendments have not been approved by the qualified voters, and the same shall thereupon stand rejected.



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Section 6. That the effective date of Tacoma City Charter changes, approved in the November 4, 2014, general election, shall be the date that the election results are certified by the Pierce County Auditor.

Adopted _____

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk

Approved as to form:

City Attorney