



RESOLUTION NO. U-11487

1 A RESOLUTION relating to amending and revising sections of Chapter 12.10
2 (Water Regulations and Rates) in Title 12 (Utilities) of the Tacoma
3 Municipal Code sections 12.10.250 and 12.10.315, for water service
4 construction charge adjustments effective January 1, 2025.

5 WHEREAS the City of Tacoma, Department of Utilities, Water Division (
6 "Tacoma Water") has proposed changes to Chapter 12.10 ("Water Regulations
7 and Rates") in Title 12 ("Utilities") of the Tacoma Municipal Code ("TMC")
8 sections 12.10.250 and 12.10.315, for water service construction charge
9 adjustments, and

10 WHEREAS Tacoma Water engages with the Master Builders Association
11 of Pierce County on an ongoing basis, and

12 WHEREAS through discussions with developers and staff, Tacoma
13 Water has identified several new water service construction charges that, if
14 adopted, would provide price certainty for developers, reduce administrative
15 burden on utility staff, and minimize the time of quote delivery to customers, and

16 WHEREAS Tacoma Water also regularly reviews its water service
17 construction charge schedule, also referred to as 'fixed fees', in order to ensure
18 that fees charged to customers remain in line with actual utility costs, and

19 WHEREAS the last update to this fee schedule was approved in 2019
20 and included annual escalations through 2024, and

21 WHEREAS in addition to revising charges, the proposed changes to the
22 fee schedule include an annual escalator of 3% through 2029, to align with the
23 long-run average of the Engineering News Record ("ENR") Construction Cost
24 Index ("CCI") in an attempt to keep fees in line with costs, and
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1 WHEREAS along with the proposed fee schedule, Tacoma Water is
2 recommending the following modifications:

- 3 • Increase the number of services available via the fixed fee
4 schedule.
- 5 • Remove embedded flagging and paving costs from fixed fees to
6 ensure only those that need those services will pay for them.
- 7 • Reduce the minimum width of the residential service main charge
8 defined in TMC 12.10.315.A to align with the Home in Tacoma
9 minimum lot width;

10 WHEREAS revisions to Tacoma Water rates and regulations require
11 approval by the Public Utility Board and Tacoma City Council pursuant to
12 Tacoma City Charter section 4.11, and

13 WHEREAS the recommended changes to the fee schedules are just,
14 fair, and reasonable, and are in the best interest of the citizens of Tacoma and
15 the customers of Tacoma Water, and Tacoma Water requests the Board
16 approve said revisions and amendments; Now, therefore,

17 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PUBLIC UTILITY BOARD OF THE CITY OF TACOMA:

18 The proposed revisions to Tacoma Water's water service construction
19 charge adjustments attached hereto as Exhibit A are hereby approved, and the
20 Council of the City of Tacoma is requested to pass an ordinance approving
21 such revisions by amending Chapter 12.10.250 and 12.10.315 of the Tacoma
22 Municipal Code, as set forth in Exhibit A and on file with the Clerk of the Board,
23 and as approved by the City Attorney's Office.
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/s/

Chief Deputy City Attorney

Charlene Jacobs
Clerk

John O'Keefe
Chair

[Signature]
Secretary

Adopted 10-23-24