



RESOLUTION NO. 38773

1 A RESOLUTION relating to the City Charter Review; creating a Charter Review
2 Committee, consisting of 15 persons, for the purpose of reviewing the
3 existing Charter of the City of Tacoma and making such recommendations
4 for change as the committee may deem necessary and proper to improve
5 the mode and manner of operation and efficiency in conducting the affairs of
6 the City.

7 WHEREAS the existing City Charter was adopted in 1953, and, pursuant to
8 Section 2.25 of the City Charter, the City Council shall commence a comprehensive
9 review of the City Charter, no less frequently than once every ten years, by
10 appointing citizens to a Charter Review Committee, and

11 WHEREAS the City Charter has not been reviewed in its entirety by
12 representative citizens of the City since 2004, and

13 WHEREAS, on September 17, 2013, the City Council approved Resolution
14 No. 38733, designating the City Charter Review as a special project of limited
15 duration, and

16 WHEREAS it is necessary to create the Charter Review Committee in order
17 to solicit applications and allow for the appointment of committee members, and

18 WHEREAS committee meetings will commence in January 2014, and

19 WHEREAS the City Council believes that the study of the existing Charter
20 should be a deliberate, thoughtful, and inclusive process; Now, Therefore,

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

22 Section 1. That there is hereby created a Charter Review Committee

23 consisting of 15 citizens of the City of Tacoma, to be appointed by the City

24 Council in the following manner: The Mayor and each City Council member shall
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1 recommend one person for appointment to said committee. That the Government
2 Performance and Finance Committee shall recommend to the City Council the
3 appointment of six persons to said committee, to reflect a cross section of the
4 citizens of the City. The chairperson of said committee shall be selected by the
5 Mayor.
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7 Section 2. That the duty of said committee shall be to review the existing
8 Charter of the City of Tacoma and make such recommendations for change as
9 the committee may deem necessary and proper in order to amend the provisions
10 of the existing City Charter with reference to improving the mode and manner of
11 operation and efficiency in conducting the affairs of the City. That the City Council
12 hereby reserves the right to furnish to said Charter Review Committee certain
13 guidelines with reference to the scope of the work.
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15 Section 3. That said committee shall submit its recommendations and
16 findings to the City Council on or before May 6, 2014, so that adequate and
17 appropriate provisions can be made for the holding of a special municipal
18 election in November 2014, in the event that the City Council determines that
19 recommendations for revisions or changes should be submitted to the electorate.
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21 Section 4. That the City Council does hereby express its intent that the
22 members of said committee will be appointed in January 2014, and that said
23 members shall thereafter serve until such time as the final reports and
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1 recommendations are made on or before May 6, 2014, at which time said
2 committee shall be dissolved without further action of the City Council.

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Mayor

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City Clerk

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11 Approved as to form:

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City Attorney

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