



RESOLUTION NO. 40492

1 BY REQUEST OF DEPUTY MAYOR McCARTHY AND COUNCIL MEMBERS
2 BEALE, IBSEN, AND MELLO

3 A RESOLUTION relating to urban forestry and open space; adopting the 2019
4 Urban Forest Management Plan which consolidates and clarifies existing
5 City goals and policies, establishes prioritized strategies and actions for
6 improving urban forest management, and establishes targets to assess
7 progress annually.

8 WHEREAS across the Puget Sound, urban tree canopy is declining at a
9 rapid rate, with the City having the lowest assessed tree canopy in the region when
10 compared to other Puget Sound cities, and

11 WHEREAS in 2019, the City solicited the development of the Urban Forest
12 Management Plan (“UFMP”), with a contract being awarded to urban forest and
13 green industry planning firms PlanIT Geo, LLC, Peninsula Environmental Group,
14 and Conservation Technix, known collectively as the Urban Forestry Team
15 (“UFT”), and

16 WHEREAS the UFT led the development of the UFMP with the assistance
17 of the Sustainable Tacoma Commission, internal and external stakeholders, and
18 the public, and

19 WHEREAS the UFMP serves as a road map outlining meaningful, high-
20 priority actions the City will take to support our community between 2019 and 2030
21 to strive towards a goal of a healthy, thriving 30 percent overall tree canopy
22 coverage, as well as standardize a reporting system for tracking progress toward
23 the City’s goals, and includes five-year indicator targets which will help the City
24 track progress on outputs and outcomes, and
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WHEREAS the UFMP uses goals and policies previously approved by the City Council to identify and prioritize actions that lead to the implementation of these policies and achievement of these goals, and

WHEREAS implementation of the actions in the UFMP will result in beneficial impacts to economic and social factors, including community engagement, improved equity, enhanced human health, and environmental improvements, and

WHEREAS the Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee (“IPS”) received presentations on the plan at their meetings of August 21, October 16, and November 20, 2019; Now, Therefore,

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

Section 1. That the 2019 Urban Forest Management Plan (“UFMP”), which consolidates and clarifies existing City goals and policies, establishes prioritized strategies and actions for improving urban forest management, and establishes targets to assess progress annually, is hereby adopted as the City of Tacoma Urban Forest Management Plan.



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Section 2. That the City Manager, or designee, is hereby authorized to take and execute any additional measures or documents that may be reasonably necessary to implement the City Urban Forest Management Plan.

Adopted _____

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk

Approved as to form:

Chief Deputy City Attorney