



## RESOLUTION NO. 40227

1 BY REQUEST OF COUNCIL MEMBERS BEALE AND USHKA

2 A RESOLUTION relating to rental housing; requiring that any penalties the City  
3 receives under the Rental Housing Code, Tacoma Municipal  
4 Code ("TMC") 1.95, be used only, for the first three years the TMC is in  
5 effect, for providing tenant relocation assistance as authorized in the TMC,  
6 and after such time, the use of the funds may be reviewed by the City  
7 Council.

8 WHEREAS, on November 20, 2018, pursuant to Ordinance No. 28559, the  
9 City enacted Tacoma Municipal Code 1.95, "Rental Housing Code," to provide  
10 better protections for tenants and provide specific guidance to landlords, and

11 WHEREAS the Rental Housing Code provides tenants relocation assistance  
12 in certain circumstances, and

13 WHEREAS the 2019-2020 Biennial Budget includes \$200,000 for tenant  
14 relocation assistance support, and

15 WHEREAS the Rental Housing Code encourages landlords to voluntarily  
16 comply with the requirements in the Code, even after a violation is alleged, and

17 WHEREAS, in circumstances where landlords do not voluntarily comply with  
18 Rental Housing Code requirements, the City is authorized to enforce the Code  
19 provisions and impose penalties on landlords who choose not to comply, and

20 WHEREAS it is the City's intent that any penalties received under the Rental  
21 Housing Code be used as follows: (1) all fees received during the initial three-year  
22 program period will be directed to tenant relocation costs; and (2) after the initial  
23 three-year period, the City Council may consider reallocating surplus funding to  
24 program costs, excluding staff time; or may direct surplus funding to service  
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agencies in the community which serve the needs of the most economically challenged residents experiencing homelessness or housing instability; Now, Therefore,

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

That the proper officers are hereby directed to use any penalties received from enforcing the Rental Housing Code, Tacoma Municipal Code 1.95, as follows:

- (1) all fees received during the initial three-year program period will be directed to tenant relocation costs; and (2) after the initial three-year period, the City Council may consider reallocating surplus funding to program costs, excluding staff time; or may direct surplus funding to service agencies in the community which serve the needs of the most economically challenged residents experiencing homelessness or housing instability.

Adopted \_\_\_\_\_

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Mayor

Attest:  
  
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City Clerk

Approved as to form:  
  
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Deputy City Attorney