



RESOLUTION NO. 39783

1 BY REQUEST OF DEPUTY MAYOR THOMS AND COUNCIL MEMBER McCARTHY

2 A RESOLUTION relating to the Tacoma Fire Department; expressing the City
3 Council's legislative intent to fund 24-hour Tacoma Fire Department engine
4 staffing on the Tide Flats, until such time as Fire Station 5 can become fully
5 operational, allowing the City Manager to commence all necessary
6 implementation steps.

7 WHEREAS Fire Station 5, located at 3510 East 11th Street on the Tacoma
8 Tide Flats, has been inactive since 2007 due to budget constraints and the need
9 to prioritize services, and

10 WHEREAS the nearest fire station to the central Tide Flats is Engine 3 in
11 Northeast Tacoma, which is an estimated 4.7 minutes away, and it is in the best
12 interest of area businesses and surrounding residential community to strive
13 toward a shorter response time, and

14 WHEREAS planned and existing industrial development in the Tide Flats
15 demonstrate a need for enhanced public safety services for this crucial hub of
16 economic activity, as well as the surrounding community, and

17 WHEREAS the City plans to renovate Fire Station 5 during 2018 and bring
18 it back into operation in 2019, and

19 WHEREAS it is the City Council's intent that appropriate steps be taken to
20 mitigate the risk of a fire-related emergency for businesses and surrounding
21 neighborhoods and reduce response times in the Tide Flats area during the
22 renovation process by providing 24-hour engine coverage on the Tide Flats, and

23 WHEREAS funding sources are anticipated to include the recently awarded
24 Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response ("SAFER") grant from the
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U.S. Department of Homeland Security to hire, train, and employ 12 additional firefighters for a three-year period; Now, Therefore,

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

That the City Council hereby expresses its legislative intent to fund 24-hour Tacoma Fire Department engine staffing on the Tide Flats as of October 2017, until such time as Fire Station 5 can become fully operational, allowing the City Manager to commence all necessary implementation steps.

Adopted _____

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk

Approved as to form:

Deputy City Attorney