



## RESOLUTION NO. 41282

1 A RESOLUTION relating to the City Charter Review; creating a Charter Review  
2 Committee, consisting of 15 citizens (residents), for the purpose of reviewing  
3 the existing Charter of the City of Tacoma and making such  
4 recommendations to the City Council for charter amendments as the  
5 committee may deem necessary and proper to improve the mode and  
6 manner of operation and efficiency in conducting the affairs of 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 2014, and

13 WHEREAS it is necessary to create the Charter Review Committee in order  
14 to solicit applications and allow for the appointment of Charter Review Committee  
15 members with committee meetings commencing in January 2024, and

16 WHEREAS the City Council believes that the study of the existing Charter  
17 should be a deliberate, thoughtful, and inclusive process and, toward that end, the  
18 Charter Review Committee should represent a diverse group of citizens  
19 representing different perspectives and socio-economic backgrounds including, by  
20 way of example, a youth representative; 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 (Committee) consisting of 15 citizens (residents) of the City of Tacoma, to be  
24 appointed by the City Council in the following manner: the Mayor and each City  
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1 Council member shall nominate one person for appointment by the City Council to  
2 the Committee for a total of nine nominations with the Mayor's nomination acting  
3 as chair of the Committee; the Government Performance and Finance (GPF)  
4 Committee, after receiving applications and conducting applicant interviews, shall  
5 recommend to the City Council for its consideration a diverse group of at least 10  
6 applicants with different perspectives and socio-economic backgrounds including,  
7 by way of example, one or more youth representative applicants; the City Council  
8 shall nominate and appoint six additional members to the Committee from the  
9 applicants referred by the GPF Committee, for a total of 15 Committee members;  
10 each person applying for appointment, including the nine nominees of the Mayor  
11 and City Council, shall complete an application and confirm that they are a  
12 resident of the City of Tacoma.  
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14 Section 2. That the duty of the Committee shall be to review the existing  
15 Charter of the City of Tacoma and make such recommendations to the City  
16 Council for change as the Committee may deem necessary and proper in order to  
17 amend the provisions of the existing City Charter with reference to improving the  
18 mode and manner of operation and efficiency in conducting the affairs of the City.  
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20 Section 3. That the City Council reserves the right to request Committee  
21 consideration of charter review topics and provide guidelines to the Committee  
22 with reference to the scope of the Committee's review.  
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24 Section 4. That the Committee shall submit its recommendations and  
25 findings to the City Council on or before May 7, 2024, so that adequate and  
26 appropriate provisions can be made for the holding of a special municipal



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election in November 2024, in the event that the City Council determines that recommendations for revisions or changes should be submitted to the electorate.

Section 5. That the City Council does hereby express its intent that the term of the members of said committee will commence in January 2024, and that said members shall thereafter serve until such time as the final reports and recommendations are made to the City Council on or before May 7, 2024, at which time said committee shall be dissolved without further action of the City Council.

Section 6. That the City Council reserves the right to remove any Committee member with three or more unexcused absences and appoint a new Committee member to any vacant position from the remaining list of applicants referred by the Government Performance and Finance Committee.

Adopted \_\_\_\_\_

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Mayor

Attest:  
  
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City Clerk

Approved as to form:  
  
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City Attorney