



RESOLUTION NO. 39784

1 A RESOLUTION relating to the Tacoma Fire Department; authorizing the
2 acceptance of a Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response
3 (“SAFER”) grant from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, in the
4 amount of \$2,163,101, for deposit into the Fire Miscellaneous Special
Revenue Fund, to hire, train, and employ 12 additional firefighters for a
three-year period.

5 WHEREAS the Tacoma Fire Department submitted a grant application to
6 the U.S. Department of Homeland Security for a Staffing for Adequate Fire and
7 Emergency Response (“SAFER”) grant to hire, train, and employ 12 additional
8 firefighters for a three-year period, and
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10 WHEREAS the application was approved for a grant award commencing
11 January 24, 2018, but an earlier start date can be requested from the Federal
12 Emergency Management Agency, and
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14 WHEREAS, if accepted by the City, the grant will reimburse the City for
15 approximately 62 percent of the estimated regular wage and benefit costs of the
16 additional positions during the three-year period, and
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18 WHEREAS additional City funding, in the amount of approximately
19 \$1,344,631, will be needed to fully fund these positions in 2018-2020, and such
20 funds will be appropriated in future budget ordinances, and
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22 WHEREAS the grant requires that no layoffs of commissioned TFD
23 personnel occur during the three-year period, and
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25 WHEREAS the positions will be used to staff an additional engine in the
26 Tide Flats, which will reduce response time to incidents in that area and in
Northeast Tacoma; Now, Therefore,



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

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That the proper officers of the City are hereby authorized to accept a Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (“SAFER”) grant from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, in the amount of \$2,163,101, for deposit into the Fire Miscellaneous Special Revenue Fund, to hire, train, and employ 12 additional firefighters for a three-year period, said document to be substantially in the form of the proposed grant application on file in the office of the City Clerk.

Adopted _____

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk

Approved as to form:

Deputy City Attorney