



## RESOLUTION NO. 38997

1 A RESOLUTION relating to the Tacoma Fire Department; authorizing an  
2 amendment to the City's current Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency  
3 Response ("SAFER") grant award from the U.S. Department of Homeland  
4 Security, to accept an additional \$575,380, for a total grant award of  
5 \$4,021,560, for deposit into the Fire Miscellaneous Special Revenue Fund,  
6 for the purpose of paying salary and benefits costs for five firefighters for  
7 one additional year.

8 WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. 38841, adopted February 11, 2014,  
9 the City Council authorized acceptance of a Staffing for Adequate Fire and  
10 Emergency Response ("SAFER") grant, in the amount of \$3,446,180, from the  
11 U.S. Department of Homeland Security, for the purpose of funding  
12 non-overtime-related wage and benefit costs for 20 firefighters for two years, and

13 WHEREAS, without grant funding, these positions were projected to remain  
14 vacant due to a prospective 2015-2016 General Fund budget shortfall, and

15 WHEREAS the SAFER grant program includes an optional competitive  
16 award of one additional year of grant funding for positions filled by military veteran  
17 recruits, for which TFD applied, and

18 WHEREAS, in July 2014, TFD was notified that it was eligible to receive an  
19 additional \$575,380 to fund one additional year of salary and benefit costs for five  
20 existing firefighters, making the revised total grant award \$4,021,560, and

21 WHEREAS the grant includes a provision that if the City lays off any  
22 firefighters during the period of the grant, it will be considered in default of the  
23 grant and the award will be terminated, and  
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WHEREAS the grant funding will be used to help retain current operational staffing while General Fund revenues continue to recover during the 2015-2016 biennium; Now, Therefore,

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

That the proper officers of the City are hereby authorized to amend the City's current Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response ("SAFER") grant from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, to accept the amount of \$575,380, for a total grant award of \$4,021,560, for deposit into the Fire Miscellaneous Special Revenue Fund, for the purpose of paying salary and benefit costs for five firefighters for one additional year, said document to be substantially in the form of the proposed document on file in the office of the City Clerk.

Adopted \_\_\_\_\_

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Mayor

Attest:

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City Clerk

Approved as to form:

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Deputy City Attorney