



## RESOLUTION NO. 39998

1 BY REQUEST OF COUNCIL MEMBER BLOCKER, MAYOR WOODARDS, AND  
2 COUNCIL MEMBERS BEALE AND CAMARATA

3 A RESOLUTION relating to affordable housing and tenant protections; directing  
4 the City Manager to review City policies related to affordable housing for the  
5 purpose of determining how the City can better regulate rental agreements  
6 and tenant rights, and to bring possible recommendations to be discussed  
7 at an upcoming Community Vitality and Safety committee meeting.

8 WHEREAS shelter is a basic human necessity, and as the City works to  
9 alleviate homelessness, it also wants to ensure that those who are currently  
10 housed, remain so, and

11 WHEREAS owners and landlords of affordable housing play an important  
12 part of our community, and

13 WHEREAS tenants of affordable housing deserve safe and stable housing,  
14 and

15 WHEREAS state law governs the rights of landlords and tenants, and

16 WHEREAS other local jurisdictions in Washington State impose additional  
17 requirements regarding rental agreements and tenant rights, and

18 WHEREAS, on April 5, 2018, residents in all 58 units of the Tiki Apartment  
19 complex received notices to vacate their apartments; half of the residents were  
20 given until April 30 to vacate, and half until the end of May, in accordance with  
21 current notification requirements, and

22 WHEREAS, while some of those dates have been extended, many of the  
23 residents are low-income, disabled, or have other challenges in finding a new  
24 home within such a short timeframe and within a similar price point, and  
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WHEREAS the City Council desires the City to examine City policies related to affordable housing, and evaluate how it can regulate rental agreements and tenant rights to both protect tenants and acknowledge landlords' important role in the community; Now, Therefore,

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

That the City Manager is hereby directed to look into options for expanding tenant rights, while working with tenant and landlord groups to build a consensus, and to bring possible recommendations to be discussed at an upcoming Community Vitality and Safety committee meeting.

Adopted \_\_\_\_\_

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Mayor

Attest:  
  
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City Clerk

Approved as to form:  
  
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Deputy City Attorney