



RESOLUTION NO. 38906

1 BY REQUEST OF COUNCIL MEMBERS BOE, IBSEN, MELLO, AND WALKER

2 A RESOLUTION relating to sustainability; establishing a Green Events Program to
3 advance the City's commitment to implement sustainable practices.

4 WHEREAS the City recognizes its responsibility to minimize impacts on
5 human health and the environment while supporting diverse, equitable, profitable,
6 and vibrant community events, and

7 WHEREAS City staff developed the "Green Event Program" ("Program"), to
8 be integrated into the City's special events permit process, and

9 WHEREAS the Program includes a Green Event Planning Guide ("Guide")
10 which includes resources, tips, contacts, and other materials to assist event
11 organizers, and

12 WHEREAS the Program will require pre- and post-reporting by event
13 planners in 2014, and using 2014 results, staff will set minimum achievement
14 levels for 2015 and beyond, and

15 WHEREAS Program participation can provide benefits to event organizers
16 through reduced waste and increased promotion, and

17 WHEREAS special events meeting the Guide's green event criteria,
18 including large, City-sponsored or funded events, shall participate in the Program
19 to reduce environmental impacts created during the events, and

20 WHEREAS event-holders that participate in the Program will receive City
21 recognition for their efforts to become a Green Event at the required level or
22 beyond; Now, Therefore,

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

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Section 1. That the Green Events Program, substantially in the form of the document on file in the office of the City Clerk, is hereby established to advance the City's commitment to implement sustainable event practices.

Section 2. That said program shall be administered by the Office of Environmental Policy and Sustainability and the Community and Economic Development Department, and staff shall prepare and issue annual reports on the results and impacts of the Green Events Program.

Adopted _____

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk

Approved as to form:

City Attorney