



## RESOLUTION NO. 41274

1 BY REQUEST OF DEPUTY MAYOR WALKER AND COUNCIL MEMBERS DIAZ  
2 AND USHKA

3 A RESOLUTION authorizing the one-time use of funds, in the amount of \$10,000,  
4 budgeted from the Council Contingency Fund, to support the Tacoma Tree  
5 Foundation in purchasing operational equipment for the purposes of tree  
6 planting and maintenance in the City.

7 WHEREAS the Tacoma Tree Foundation ("Foundation") has launched a  
8 campaign to raise \$25,000 to purchase a truck for the purposes of tree planting and  
9 maintenance in the City, and this resolution would provide \$10,000 towards that  
10 campaign, and

11 WHEREAS over the past five years, the Foundation has distributed 10,000  
12 young trees by borrowing vehicles from their partners and using their personal cars,  
13 and their goal is to purchase a hybrid or electric flatbed truck to be used along with  
14 other infrastructure, and

15 WHEREAS staff estimate that a small hybrid pickup truck traveling 5,000  
16 miles per year in the City would emit approximately 1 metric ton of greenhouse  
17 gases, and these greenhouse emissions would be offset by the work of the  
18 Foundation, and

19 WHEREAS once planted, from June to October, trees will need 15-20  
20 gallons of water per week, and their growth must be monitored year-round; this  
21 infrastructure will support the work of tree planting and ongoing tree maintenance,  
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24 WHEREAS, the Foundation is delivering upon the City's goals around  
25 climate resiliency and equity by using the City's Equity Index to direct resources into  
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1 the lowest opportunity neighborhoods, many of which have less than half the tree  
2 canopy coverage of higher opportunity neighborhoods, and

3 WHEREAS, at the September 19, 2023, Study Session, Council  
4 Member Diaz shared a Council Consideration Request to authorize the one-time  
5 use of \$10,000 from the Council Contingency Fund to assist in the purchase of  
6 operating equipment such as a truck for the purposes of tree planting and  
7 maintenance in the City, and

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9 WHEREAS City staff will negotiate and execute an agreement for services,  
10 with terms and deliverables for the City's contribution, and

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12 WHEREAS RCW 35.34.250 and 35.34.260 authorize a withdrawal from the  
13 Council Contingency fund for any municipal expense, the necessity or extent of  
14 which could not have been foreseen or reasonably evaluated at the time of  
15 adopting the budget, and

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17 WHEREAS Ordinance No. 22569 requires an affirmative vote of not less  
18 than six members of the Council in order to withdraw moneys from this fund; Now,  
19 Therefore,

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

21 Section 1. That one-time funding in the amount of \$10,000, budgeted from  
22 the Council Contingency Fund, is hereby approved to assist the Tacoma Tree  
23 Foundation ("Foundation") in purchasing operational equipment for the purposes of  
24 tree planting and maintenance in the City.  
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Section 2. That the proper officers of the City are hereby authorized to confirm deliverables with the Foundation for the purposes hereinabove enumerated, and document as appropriate.

Adopted \_\_\_\_\_

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Mayor

Attest:

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City Clerk

Approved as to form:

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City Attorney