



## ORDINANCE NO. 29002

1 AN ORDINANCE relating to the Biennial Operating Budget; adopting the  
2 2025-2026 Biennial Operating Budget of the City of Tacoma.

3 WHEREAS the City Council desires to adopt the proposed 2025-2026  
4 Biennial Operating Budget, and

5 WHEREAS on October 1, 2024, the City Manager presented to the City  
6 Council the 2025-2026 Proposed Biennial Operating Budget (“Budget”), and  
7 staff hosted a series of engagement sessions, work sessions, and tools to  
8 receive feedback from the community, and

9 WHEREAS in October, 2024, the Office of Management and Budget  
10 launched an interactive budgeting tool, called Balancing Act, for community  
11 members to submit feedback on redirecting General Fund resources between  
12 programs in the Budget, and

13 WHEREAS in October and November, 2024, two virtual Budget Workshops  
14 were held where staff gave a brief presentation on the Budget, as well as the use  
15 of Balancing Act, and attendees were given opportunities to provide their thoughts  
16 and ask questions, and

17 WHEREAS to further inform both the City Council and the public, four  
18 Budget work sessions were held between October 8 and October 29, 2024,  
19 which provided more detailed information on the Budget as it relates to the City  
20 Council priorities of Community Safety, Human and Environmental Health,  
21 Housing and Homelessness, Access, Livable Wage Jobs, and Operational  
22 Effectiveness and Culture, and  
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WHEREAS two public hearings were held on October 29 and November 19, 2024, and

WHEREAS by motions at its Special Meeting on November 20, 2024, the City Council directed the City Manager to make certain adjustments to the proposed 2025-2026 Biennial Operating Budget as budget provisos and the City Manager recommends further adjustments, all as more particularly described in Exhibit "B," and which are incorporated into the 2025-2026 Biennial Operating Budget, and

WHEREAS budgets, estimates, notices of hearings, hearings, and adoption of the Budget are processed and accomplished in accordance with the requirements of RCW 35.34; Now, Therefore,

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF TACOMA:**

That the Biennial Operating Budget of the City of Tacoma for 2025-2026, and each and every item thereof, as fixed, determined, and set out in Exhibits "A," which provides the appropriations that are equal to the estimated revenues by fund and total budget as reflected in the Amended Budget column, and "B," which



1 provides certain adjustments and budget provisos, which attachments are attached  
2 hereto and incorporated herein, is hereby adopted as the Biennial Operating  
3 Budget of the City of Tacoma for 2025-2026.  
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Attest:  
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City Clerk

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Approved as to form:  
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**EXHIBIT A**

**City of Tacoma, Washington  
2025-2026 Biennial Operating Budget  
Contracts, Transfers, other Obligations**

<b>Fund No.</b>	<b>Fund Name</b>	<b>Proposed Budget</b>	<b>Adjustments</b>	<b>Amended Budget</b>
<b>0010</b>	<b>General Fund</b>	<b>641,224,433</b>		<b>641,224,433</b>
<b>Special Revenue Funds</b>				
1020	Courts Special Revenue	146,508	451,519	<b>598,027</b>
1030	Contingency Fund	585,301	52,500	<b>637,801</b>
1050	PWS Transportation Revenues	11,273,226		<b>11,273,226</b>
1065	PW Street Fund (Street Ops, Eng, Transp)	70,660,156		<b>70,660,156</b>
1085	Voted Streets Initiative	52,982,106		<b>52,982,106</b>
1090	TFD Special Revenue	1,887,093		<b>1,887,093</b>
1100	PWF Property Management	2,227,141		<b>2,227,141</b>
1110	Local Improvement Guaranty	97,309		<b>97,309</b>
1145	PWB Building & Land Use Services	950,376		<b>950,376</b>
1155	TFD EMS Special Revenue	102,165,742		<b>102,165,742</b>
1180	PAF Tourism & Conventions	9,630,883		<b>9,630,883</b>
1185	NCS Special Revenue	40,404,877		<b>40,404,877</b>
1195	CED Economic Development Grants	47,830,680	4,047,000	<b>51,877,680</b>
1200	Library Special Revenue	1,334,668		<b>1,334,668</b>
1236	CED Small Business Enterprise	987,435		<b>987,435</b>
1267	TPD Special Revenue	2,718,551		<b>2,718,551</b>
1431	CMO Municipal Cable TV	1,604,928		<b>1,604,928</b>
1500	CED Local Employment Apprenticeship Program	1,154,050		<b>1,154,050</b>
1650	Traffic Enforcement, Engineering & Education	7,708,143		<b>7,708,143</b>
1700	American Rescue Plan	-		-
	<b>Total Special Revenue Funds</b>	<b>356,349,173</b>	<b>4,551,019</b>	<b>360,900,192</b>
<b>Debt Service Funds</b>				
2035	LTD GO Bonds 1997 A & B	1,552,428		<b>1,552,428</b>
2038	Public Works Trust Fund Loan	-		-
2040	LTGO 2009 Series A-F Bond Redemption	13,637,670		<b>13,637,670</b>
2041	2010 LTGO Bonds Series 2010B - 2010E	5,794,213		<b>5,794,213</b>
2043	LTGO Bond Issuances	4,448,623		<b>4,448,623</b>
	<b>Total Debt Service Funds</b>	<b>25,432,934</b>	-	<b>25,432,934</b>
<b>Capital Project Funds</b>				
3210	Real Estate Excise Tax	24,133,984	1,000,000	<b>25,133,984</b>
	<b>Total Capital Project Funds</b>	<b>24,133,984</b>	<b>1,000,000</b>	<b>25,133,984</b>

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<b>Enterprise Funds</b>				
4110	Permit Services Fund	57,223,869		<b>57,223,869</b>
4120	PW Tacoma Rail Mountain Division	1,433,515		<b>1,433,515</b>
4140	PWE Parking Operating	12,016,996		<b>12,016,996</b>
4165	Convention Center	26,635,015		<b>26,635,015</b>
4170	Cheney Stadium	5,539,199		<b>5,539,199</b>
4180	Tacoma Dome	31,820,990		<b>31,820,990</b>
4190	Performing Arts	3,732,959		<b>3,732,959</b>
4200	Solid Waste	212,511,796		<b>212,511,796</b>
4300	Wastewater	292,738,362		<b>292,738,362</b>
4301	Surface Water	136,609,109		<b>136,609,109</b>
4450	Union Station	11,140		<b>11,140</b>
4500	Tacoma Rail	80,487,083		<b>80,487,083</b>
4600	Water Utility	342,808,318		<b>342,808,318</b>
4700	Power	1,333,562,686		<b>1,333,562,686</b>
4800	TPU Self Insurance Claims	5,653,200		<b>5,653,200</b>
4805	Low Income Assistance	10,000,000		<b>10,000,000</b>
	<b>Total Enterprise Funds</b>	<b>2,552,784,237</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,552,784,237</b>
<b>Internal Service Funds</b>				
5050	TPU Fleet Service	13,326,245		<b>13,326,245</b>
5086	Tacoma Training & Employment Program	1,165,578		<b>1,165,578</b>
5400	PW Fleet Equipment Rental	30,344,632		<b>30,344,632</b>
5453	PWS Asphalt Plant	3,633,909		<b>3,633,909</b>
5540	Comms Equipment - Replacement Reserve	5,957,312		<b>5,957,312</b>
5550	Third Party Liability Claims	30,337,399		<b>30,337,399</b>
5560	Unemployment Compensation	1,338,085		<b>1,338,085</b>
5570	Worker's Compensation	14,639,164		<b>14,639,164</b>
5700	Municipal Building Acquisition & Oper	19,953,055		<b>19,953,055</b>
5800	General Governmental Internal Services	218,099,742		<b>218,099,742</b>
	<b>Total Internal Service Funds</b>	<b>338,795,121</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>338,795,121</b>
<b>Trust &amp; Agency Funds</b>				
6050	Deferred Compensation Trust	615,576		<b>615,576</b>
6100	Employees Retirement	502,968,458		<b>502,968,458</b>
6120	Relief & Pension Police	10,186,951		<b>10,186,951</b>
6150	Relief & Pension Firefighters	11,983,815		<b>11,983,815</b>
6430	Health Care Trust Labor Management	207,385,440		<b>207,385,440</b>
6440	Group Life Trust	2,108,727		<b>2,108,727</b>
6460	Dental Care Labor Management	14,037,214		<b>14,037,214</b>
6470	Health Care Trust Firefighters	7,510,000		<b>7,510,000</b>
6480	Health Care Trust Police	7,378,000		<b>7,378,000</b>
6795	Public Facilities Districts	12,414,002		<b>12,414,002</b>
	<b>Total Trust &amp; Agency Funds</b>	<b>776,588,183</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>776,588,183</b>

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<b>Total City of Tacoma Operating Budget</b>	<b>4,715,308,065</b>	<b>5,551,019</b>	<b>4,720,859,084</b>

**EXHIBIT B**

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**Narrative Explanation for the Budget Adjustments and City Council Budget Proviso**

Authorize an Increase or Redirection or Revenues and Expenditures for 2025-2026 Appropriations:

<b>Fund No.</b>	<b>Fund Name</b>	<b>Narrative Description</b>	<b>Adjustment Amount</b>
<b>0010</b>	<b>General Fund</b>		
<b>Expense</b>			
	Business Safety and Resilience Program	Staff will charge \$250,000 of administrative costs for the Community and Economic Development to a grant awarded by the Washington State Department of Commerce. (City Council Budget Proviso)	<b>-250,000</b>
		The General Fund savings will then be reallocated to the Business Safety and Resilience Program in Community and Economic Development Department General Fund Budget. (City Council Budget Proviso)	<b>250,000</b>
		Net	<b>0</b>
	Summer Late Nights	Dedicate \$150,000 of the Neighborhood and Community Service's BRAYVE budget to the Summer Late Nights Program. (City Council Budget Proviso)	<b>No Appropriation Change</b>
<b>1020</b>	<b>Municipal Court Special Revenue</b>		
<b>Revenue</b>			
	Grant Revenues		<b>-451,519</b>
<b>Expense</b>			
	Therapeutic Court Program	Recognize the expenses of an existing grant awarded for the Therapeutic Court Program.	<b>451,519</b>

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<b>1030</b>	<b>Contingency Fund</b>		
	<b>Revenue</b>		
	Beginning Cash Balance		<b>-52,500</b>
	<b>Expense</b>		
	<i>The first two amendments listed below dedicate appropriation authority to the specified projects. While the second two require increased appropriation for the 2025-2026 budget.</i>		
	Grand Cinema Capital Campaign	Dedicate \$50,000 of the 2025-2026 Budget for Council Contingency to the Grand Cinema Capital Campaign for improvements to the Merlino Building. (City Council Budget Proviso)	<b>No Appropriation Change</b>
	Rebuilding Hope Capital Campaign	Dedicate \$25,000 of the 2025-2026 Budget for Council Contingency for the Rebuilding Hope Capital Campaign. (City Council Budget Proviso)	<b>No Appropriation Change</b>
	Oasis Center	Dedicate \$10,000 of savings from prior biennium Council Contingency to the Oasis Center for maintaining services. (City Council Budget Proviso)	<b>10,000</b>
	Downtown Business Retail Advocate	Dedicate \$42,500 of savings from prior biennium Council Contingency to support the Downtown Business Retail Advocate program. (City Council Budget Proviso)	<b>42,500</b>
<b>1185</b>	<b>NCS Special Revenue</b>		
	<b>Expense</b>		
	Anti-Graffiti Program	Dedicate \$25,000 from the Tidy Up Public and Private Graffiti program to additional anti-graffiti and public art. (City Council Budget Proviso)	<b>No Appropriation Change</b>



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<b>1195</b>	<b>CED Economic Development Grants</b>		
<b>Revenue</b>			
	Beginning Cash (UDAG)		<b>-47,000</b>
	Washington State Department of Commerce Community Reinvestment Plan Grant Revenue		<b>-4,000,000</b>
<b>Expense</b>			
	Seaport Museum Commercial Pump-Out Loan	Provide \$47,000 in loan funds from the UDAG program to aid in the Seaport Museum's commercial pump-out station. (City Council Budget Proviso)	<b>47,000</b>
	Washington Department of Commerce Community Reinvestment Plan Grant	Recognize the expenses of a grant awarded by the Washington State Department of Commerce.	<b>4,000,000</b>
<b>3210</b>	<b>Real Estate Excise Tax</b>		
<b>Revenue</b>			
	Beginning Cash		<b>-1,000,000</b>
<b>Expense</b>			
	Transfer to Capital Improvement Plan	Transfer funds for the Downtown Skate Park project, selected through the District 2 Participatory Budgeting process. (City Council Budget Proviso)	<b>1,000,000</b>