

Council Proposed Amendment

Version B

Amendment Summary Article IV, Section 4.9

Brief Summary of Amendment

- Provides the utility the authority to determine stipends for public utility board member attendance at board meetings.

Amendment

Section 4.9 – Members of the Board shall have the same qualifications as provided in this charter for Council Members. Members shall be entitled to reimbursement for expenses incurred in carrying out their official duties, other than those incident to attending board meetings held within the City of Tacoma, and the utility will be allowed to determine volunteer incentives for attending board meetings.

NEW AMENDMENT

Section 4.9 – Members of the Board shall have the same qualifications as provided in this charter for Council Members. Members shall be entitled to reimbursement for expenses incurred in carrying out their official duties, other than those incident to attending board meetings held within the City of Tacoma, and the City Council may set a stipend utility for board member attendance at will be allowed to determine volunteer incentives for attending board meetings.

Rationale for Amendment

In order to make sure we have a diverse and well-rounded representation of the ratepayers of the Tacoma Public Utilities, there should be an opportunity to incentivize participation and honor the time that it takes to volunteer on the utility board. This Charter change would not require stipends. TPU would be able to review and determine what stipends are offered.