



## RESOLUTION NO. 38841

1 A RESOLUTION relating to the Tacoma Fire Department; authorizing the  
2 acceptance of a Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response  
3 (“SAFER”) grant from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, in the  
4 amount of \$3,446,180, for deposit into the Fire Miscellaneous Special  
5 Revenue Fund, for the purpose of paying salary and benefits costs for  
6 20 firefighters for two years.

7 WHEREAS the Tacoma Fire Department submitted a grant application to the  
8 U.S. Department of Homeland Security for a Staffing for Adequate Fire and  
9 Emergency Response (“SAFER”) grant to hire 20 firefighters to fill existing and  
10 pending vacant positions, and

11 WHEREAS, if accepted by the City, the grant will reimburse the City for all  
12 non-overtime-related wage and benefit costs for 20 firefighters for two years, and  
13 includes an opportunity to obtain funding for a third year for military veteran recruits,  
14 and

15 WHEREAS the grant includes a provision that if the City lays off any  
16 firefighters during the period of the grant, it will be considered in default of the  
17 grant and the award will be terminated, and

18 WHEREAS, without grant funding, these positions were projected to remain  
19 vacant due to a prospective 2015-2016 General Fund budget shortfall, and

20 WHEREAS the grant funding will be used to help retain current operational  
21 staffing while General Fund revenues continue to recover during the 2015-2016  
22 biennium; Now, Therefore,

23 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TACOMA:  
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That the proper officers of the City are hereby authorized to accept a Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (“SAFER”) grant from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, in the amount of \$3,446,180, for deposit into the Fire Miscellaneous Special Revenue Fund, for the purpose of paying salary and benefits costs for 20 firefighters for two years, said document to be substantially in the form of the proposed grant application on file in the office of the City Clerk.

Adopted \_\_\_\_\_

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Mayor

Attest:  
  
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City Clerk

Approved as to form:  
  
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Deputy City Attorney