



RESOLUTION NO. U-11483

1 A RESOLUTION related to amending Chapters 12.01 and 12.06A, of the
Tacoma Municipal Code, updating certain fees and charges, effective
April 1, 2025.

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3 WHEREAS the City of Tacoma, Department of Public Utilities, Light
4 Division, ("Tacoma Power") is requesting to amend and revise Tacoma
5 Municipal Code ("TMC") 12.01 and 12.06A, and

6 WHEREAS TMC 12.01.010 covers disconnection/reconnection of utility
7 service and fees and Chapter 12.06A of the TMC covers Tacoma Power's
8 rates, terms, and conditions on electric installation, inspection, and permits, and

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10 WHEREAS TMC 12.06A.250 specifies fees for inspections and permits
11 under various circumstances for different types of customers, and

12 WHEREAS Tacoma Power proposes revisions to the reconnection fees
13 and the inspection and permit fees to reflect the increased cost of providing
14 these services, and

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16 WHEREAS permit and inspection fees address costs associated with
17 permit processing, plan review, and physical inspection of customer work, and

18 WHEREAS these fees were last revised in 2022, and since then, the
19 cost to provide this service has increased due to general wage inflation, vehicle
20 costs, and the addition of one full-time inspection employee to enable a timelier
21 response to inspection requests, and

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23 WHEREAS Tacoma Power proposes an \$8 base increase for residential
24 fees and a 5% increase for commercial fees, and

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1 WHEREAS the residential fee structure is currently \$55 per inspection
2 and will increase to \$63 per inspection, i.e., a new service for a typical single-
3 family home or mobile home, service changes or service upgrades with
4 overhead service will increase from \$110 to \$126 for up to two inspections, and

5 WHEREAS inspection fees for low voltage control panels and devices
6 like alarm systems or HVAC systems, which require a single inspection, will
7 increase from \$55 to \$63, and

8 WHEREAS commercial inspections are based on the value of the
9 electrical portion of construction costs, i.e., the permit fees for electrical
10 construction valued between \$5,001 and \$50,000 currently start at \$273 for the
11 first \$5,001 in construction value and \$2.10 for each additional \$100 or fraction
12 thereof above \$5,001, and

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14 WHEREAS with the proposed fee updates, the commercial inspection
15 fee will start at \$286 and \$2.20 for each \$100 in construction value, i.e., the
16 inspection fee for a \$10,000 construction project will increase from \$378 to
17 \$396, and

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19 WHEREAS disconnect fees address costs for crew time and equipment
20 expense to perform work related to disconnection and reconnection of electrical
21 services, and

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23 WHEREAS Tacoma Power proposes a 13% increase in
24 disconnection/reconnection fees to recover increased costs and is harmonizing
25 different sections of Chapter 12.01 of the TMC, which have different fees for the
26 same service, and



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WHEREAS in addition, Tacoma Power is changing the fee structure to reflect disconnection or reconnection, as opposed to lumping the fees together, and

WHEREAS under-recovery of disconnection/reconnection fees can lead to cross-subsidization by other retail customers, Now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PUBLIC UTILITY BOARD OF THE CITY OF TACOMA:

That the Public Utility Board approves the proposed amendments to Chapter 12.01 and the proposed amendments of Chapter 12.06A of the Tacoma Municipal Code, attached respectively as Exhibits A and B effective April 1, 2025, and the Council of the City of Tacoma is requested to concur by enacting an ordinance that amends Chapters 12.01 and 12.06A consistent with Exhibits A and B and in a form approved by the City Attorney's Office

Approved as to form:

Is/
Chief Deputy City Attorney

Charlene Jacobs
Clerk

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Chair

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Secretary

Adopted 10-23-24