



RESOLUTION NO. 41535

1 BY REQUEST OF MAYOR WOODARDS AND COUNCIL MEMBERS SADALGE
2 AND WALKER

3 A RESOLUTION relating to place names and name changes; conferring honorary
4 street names in the Puyallup Tribe of Indians' native Twulshootseed
5 language for 28 public roadways, comprising 62 intersections, and resulting
6 in approximately 174 honorary signs to be installed within the 1873 Survey
7 Area of the Puyallup Reservation.

8 WHEREAS in accordance with Resolution No. 41009, which adopted the
9 amendments to the City's Policy on Place Names and Name Changes ("Policy"),
10 honorary street naming requests are reviewed and vetted at several levels: the
11 Mayor's Office, individual departments/divisions, and the City Council's
12 Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee ("IPS"), and the final review
13 and decision to approve naming requests lies with the City Council, and

14 WHEREAS City staff reviewed the naming proposal in accordance with
15 the City's adopted Policy and presented the findings to the IPS, and on
16 September 11, 2024, the IPS unanimously approved forwarding the proposal to
17 the full City Council for consideration, and

18 WHEREAS if the proposed resolution is adopted, approximately 174
19 honorary signs, which would display varying names in the Twulshootseed
20 language (along with standardized tribal pictograph) along with translated
21 meanings pertinent to the heritage of the Puyallup Tribe of Indians ("Puyallup
22 Tribe"), will be coordinated with the City and contracted forces to be fabricated
23 and installed at approximately 62 intersections within the 1873 Survey Area of
24 the Puyallup Reservation within Eastern Tacoma, and
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1 WHEREAS the existing and official street names of the roadways and
2 intersections involved will remain in effect, with the honorary naming/signs
3 being informational, but they will also be an important way for the Puyallup
4 Tribe to convey their oral history to tribal community areas and the Eastside of
5 Tacoma, and
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7 WHEREAS in the interest of expediting realization of this proposal if
8 approved by the City Council, the City and the Puyallup Tribe established a
9 Memorandum of Understanding in March of 2024 which includes terms such as:
10 the City agrees to complete the project either (a) by using its own personnel,
11 (b) by contracting for performance of the work, or (c) through a combination of
12 both, and that the Puyallup Tribe agrees to pay/reimburse the City for the full cost
13 of completing the project, and
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15 WHEREAS if the proposed resolution is adopted, the honorary street names
16 will be in effect for 15 years, and
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18 WHEREAS the City, in written partnership with the Puyallup Tribe, will
19 facilitate the fabrication and installation of the signs, and then maintain the
20 honorary signs during the 15-year period, and at the end of the 15-year period,
21 the signs will be at the end of their expected useful life and will likely need
22 replacement, and
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24 WHEREAS per Resolution No. 41009, if the applicant desires the name
25 to remain in place after the 15-year period, the City will reconvene the staff
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1 workgroup to evaluate the proposal, and if approved, the applicant will be
 2 responsible for the costs to install any replacement signs; Now, Therefore,

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

4 That the Council of the City of Tacoma hereby confers honorary street
 5 names in the Puyallup Tribe of Indians' native Twulshootseed language for 28
 6 public roadways, comprising 62 intersections, and resulting in approximately 174
 7 honorary signs to be installed within the 1873 Survey Area of the Puyallup
 8 Reservation, to remain in effect for 15 years.

9 Adopted _____
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 12 Mayor

13 Attest:

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 15 City Clerk

16 Approved as to form:

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 18 Deputy City Attorney

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