



RESOLUTION NO. 39328

1 A RESOLUTION relating to City-owned real property; authorizing the execution of
2 a railroad switching fee agreement with Northwest Container Services, Inc.

3 WHEREAS the City of Tacoma, Department of Public Utilities, Beltline
4 Division (d.b.a. "Tacoma Rail"), is requesting approval to enter into a railroad
5 switching fee agreement, and

6 WHEREAS Northwest Container Services is a customer of Tacoma Rail
7 that specializes in containerized logistics transportation services, and
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9 WHEREAS Tacoma Rail handles its container traffic on intermodal
10 railcars to and from the Union Pacific railroad and between one of several
11 designated container terminals in the Port of Tacoma area, and

12 WHEREAS Tacoma Rail requests approval to enter into a railroad
13 switching fee agreement with Northwest Container Services, Inc. to establish a
14 cost of service rate of \$20.00 per container interchanged to a Class I railroad,
15 with an escalation rate of \$1.00 per year, effective January 1, 2016, which
16 agreement will be for three years unless mutually cancelled or extended in
17 writing, and
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19 WHEREAS Tacoma City Charter Section 4.11 stipulates that Tacoma
20 Public Utility Board and City Council approval is necessary for the fixing of rates
21 and charges for utility services; Now, Therefore,
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BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TACOMA:

That the proper officers of the City are hereby authorized to execute a railroad switching fee agreement with Northwest Container Services, Inc., effective January 1, 2016, for a period of three years, unless mutually cancelled or extended in writing, said document to be substantially in the form on file in the Office of the City Clerk.

Adopted _____

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk

Approved as to form:

Chief Deputy City Attorney