



## RESOLUTION NO. 41357

1 A RESOLUTION relating to Environmental Services; authorizing the execution of  
2 an amendment and extension to the Lease Agreement with Pierce  
3 Conservation District, to add to the leased premises approximately 1.39  
4 acres of Environmental Services Solid Waste property located at 4311  
5 South 36th Street, for continuing the Urban Agriculture Pilot Program, and to  
6 extend the lease through December 31, 2025.

7 WHEREAS the original lease was entered in furtherance of the September  
8 2020 Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee (IPS) proposal to  
9 leverage public lands to increase urban food security and City Council support of  
10 the same, and

11 WHEREAS, according to the National Young Farmer's Coalition, "Fifty-nine  
12 percent of all young farmers named finding affordable land to buy as 'very or  
13 extremely challenging'; sixty-five percent of BIPOC farmers ranked finding  
14 affordable land to buy as 'very or extremely challenging,' including sixty-eight  
15 percent of Indigenous respondents and sixty-six percent of Black respondents;  
16 and, over half of all respondents (fifty-four percent), and seventy-five percent of  
17 Black farmers, said that they currently need more access to land, whether to buy or  
18 lease", and

19 WHEREAS, since 2018, the Pierce Conservation District Farm Foundations  
20 program has provided free on-farm training and education for community members  
21 interested in learning more about sustainable agriculture and whether pursuing a  
22 career in small farming will work for them; over forty-four individuals have  
23 graduated from the program since its inception, nineteen of them identifying as  
24 BIPOC and 11 of them identifying as LGBTQ+ (with several having multiple  
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marginalized identities); and, over 14 new farm businesses have been created by Farm Foundations alumni, and

WHEREAS, in 2020, two new efforts were launched to support graduates in the next steps of a successful farm business by creating an incubator farm and entering a partnership with the City of Tacoma to take under-utilized land and create an urban farm program; Now, Therefore,

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

That the proper officers of the City are hereby authorized to execute a lease amendment with the Pierce Conservation District to extend the term from December 31, 2024 to December 31, 2025, and to add to the leased premises approximately 1.39 acres of Environmental Services Solid Waste property located



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at 4311 South 36th Street, for the purpose of continuing the Urban Agriculture Pilot Program to leverage public lands to increase urban food security.

Adopted \_\_\_\_\_

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Mayor

Attest:

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City Clerk

Approved as to form:

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City Attorney