



RESOLUTION NO. 41237

1 A RESOLUTION transmitting a ballot measure to the Pierce County Auditor to be
2 placed on the ballot for the General Election on Tuesday, November 7, 2023.

3 WHEREAS an initiative petition to enact rental requirements for landlords
4 and rental rights for tenants was submitted by the Tacoma For All community group
5 (“TFA”) to the City Clerk’s Office on June 16, 2023, and

6 WHEREAS pursuant to Section 2.19(i) of the City Charter, petitions for
7 enactment of an ordinance must be signed by registered voters equal in number
8 to at least 10 percent of the total votes cast in the last preceding mayoral election,
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11 WHEREAS for this petition, the number of valid signatures required was
12 determined by the Pierce County Auditor to be 4,207; the petitioners submitted
13 a total of 1,232 pages of signatures to the City Clerk, and
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15 WHEREAS on June 23, 2023, the Pierce County Auditor’s Office completed
16 checking the pages submitted and determined that the petition contained 4,523
17 valid signatures, and

18 WHEREAS Section 2.19(j) of the City Charter states in part that once a
19 petition is validated, the City Council must enact or reject the initiative, but shall not
20 modify it, and if the City Council rejects the initiative or within 30 calendar days fails
21 to take final action on it, the City Council shall submit the proposal to the people at
22 the next Municipal or General Election that is not less than 90 days after the date
23 on which the signatures on the petition are validated, and
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WHEREAS the deadline for the City Council to place the issue on the November 7, 2023, ballot is August 1, 2023, and

WHEREAS TFA maintains that this initiative will protect tenants in our City, and with the City Council forwarding this initiative to the voters in November, the community will be able to vote on whether or not they believe this initiative should become law; Now, Therefore,



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

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That a ballot measure be transmitted to the Pierce County Auditor to be placed on the ballot for the General Election on Tuesday, November 7, 2023, which reads:

**CITY OF TACOMA
CITIZENS' INITIATIVE MEASURE NO. 1**

Citizens' Initiative Measure No. 1 concerns enacting rental requirements for landlords and rental rights for tenants.

This measure would require landlords to comply with health and safety laws before raising rent or evicting a tenant; set limits on certain rental fees; require landlords provide two notices to increase rent and offer relocation assistance when the increase is 5% or more; create a defense against certain student/schoolyear evictions, evictions between November 1 and April 1, and evictions against servicemembers, seniors, families and others with protected status under the measure; and provide penalties and enforcement mechanisms.

Should this measure be enacted into law?

Yes.
No

Adopted _____

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk

Approved as to form:

Deputy City Attorney