



RESOLUTION NO. 39378

1 REQUESTED BY MAYOR STRICKLAND

2 A RESOLUTION relating to governmental transparency, reaffirming the City's
3 commitment to promote an efficient, collaborative open government with
4 an Open Data Initiative for timely and consistent publication of public
information that fosters accountability and responsiveness.

5 WHEREAS the City is committed to engaging the community and improving
6 public knowledge of City operations, and

7 WHEREAS access to public information promotes a higher level of civic
8 engagement and allows citizens to provide valuable feedback to government
9 officials regarding local issues, and
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11 WHEREAS, by consistent and timely sharing of data, the City seeks to
12 develop economic opportunities and increased civic engagement for its citizens,
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14 WHEREAS information technologies, including web-based and other internet
15 applications and services, are an essential means for open government and good
16 government, generally, and
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18 WHEREAS the City is committed to leveraging technology to respond to
19 public needs and service requests, and has launched TacomaFIRST 311,
20 TacomaData, and other applications in this regard, and
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22 WHEREAS, in commitment to the spirit of open government, the City
23 considers public information to be open by default and proactively publishes high
24 value, publicly disclosable data, and
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WHEREAS the protection of privacy, confidentiality, and security must be maintained as a paramount priority while also advancing governmental transparency and accountability through open data, and

WHEREAS a comprehensive open data program enhances coordination and efficiencies between City departments and partner organizations, and

WHEREAS the development of an Open Data Initiative improves transparency, access to public information, and improved governmental performance; Now, Therefore,

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

Section 1. That the City Council hereby reaffirms its commitment to an efficient, collaborative, and open government advanced by the timely and consistent publication of publicly disclosable information as open data.

Section 2. That the City Council supports the establishment of an Open Data Initiative which shall include (1) proactively releasing high priority publicly disclosable City data, making it freely available in open formats with no restrictions on use or reuse, and fully accessible to the broadest range of users and uses; (2) encouraging optimal use of data by maintaining descriptors that define the published data, and by keeping datasets as current and consistent as possible; (3) establishing and maintaining an open data web portal that provides a central location for published City data; (4) minimizing limitations on disclosure of public information while appropriately safeguarding protected and sensitive information; and (5) encouraging innovative use of the City's publishable data by the public and other agencies and partners.



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Section 3. That the appropriate City representatives, shall plan, execute, and monitor the Open Data Initiative; shall actively encourage departmental, partner and public participation; and shall annually submit an open data progress report to the City Council.

Adopted _____

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk

Approved as to form:

Deputy City Attorney