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RESOLUTION NO. 40485

A RESOLUTION relating to the Hearing Examiner; amending the *Hearing Examiner's Rules of Procedure for Hearings* primarily to allow for electronic filing of documents once an appeal has been received.

WHEREAS the Hearing Examiner's Rules of Procedure for Hearings ("Rules"), together with Tacoma Municipal Code Chapter 1.23, govern most aspects of the work the Hearing Examiner performs for the City in conducting administrative hearings, and

WHEREAS it is desirable to update the *Rules* to conform with the recent trend in Washington courts to allow and/or require the filing of documents electronically, which would reduce paper usage and provide increased access to appeals for appellants without printing resources, and

WHEREAS other updates to the *Rules* will include minor changes to the following Sections: 1.09 (Motions); 1.15 (Site Visits); 2.14 (Limited Public Participation); 2.19 (Hearing Examiner's Decision); 2.21 (Further Review); and 3.09 (Hearing Examiner's Recommendation or Decision); Now, Therefore,



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

That the proposed amendments to the *Hearing Examiner's Rules of* Procedure for Hearings, as set forth in the document on file in the office of the City Clerk, are hereby approved. Adopted _____

Attest:	Mayor	
City Clerk	<u> </u>	
Approved as to form:		
City Attorney	<u> </u>	