



RESOLUTION NO. 40529

1 BY REQUEST OF MAYOR WOODARDS AND COUNCIL MEMBERS BEALE,
2 HUNTER, AND MELLO

3 A RESOLUTION expressing City Council support for the most robust proposal,
4 "Scenario D", for the Puget Sound Clean Air Agency's proposed regional
5 Clean Fuel Standard rule.

6 WHEREAS the City's vision of sustainability seeks to achieve an exceptional
7 quality of life for every generation and leave a legacy of stewardship; achieve
8 lasting and equitable prosperity; build a safe, healthy, attractive, and vibrant
9 community; and minimize negative impacts in order to conserve the natural
10 resources that sustain it, and

11 WHEREAS the City's 2008 Climate Action Plan sets an aggressive
12 greenhouse gas emissions reduction goal of 80 percent from 1990 levels by 2050;
13 and the current Environmental Action Plan supports these goals, with targets to
14 register 2,000 electric vehicles and decrease City and Tacoma Public Utilities
15 transportation-based fossil fuel use by 15 percent of 2014 levels by 2020, and

16 WHEREAS, in 2016, transportation accounted for 71 percent of greenhouse
17 gas emissions in the City, and

18 WHEREAS diesel exhaust from fossil fuel combustion is linked to heart and
19 lung disease, cancer, and premature death, and

20 WHEREAS, from 2009 to 2015, the Environmental Protection Agency
21 formally designated part of Tacoma and most of Pierce County as "non-attainment,"
22 meaning that air quality did not meet federal health standards because of fine
23 particle pollution, including diesel exhaust, and
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1 WHEREAS poor air quality affects everyone; however, children, the elderly,
2 pregnant women, those with respiratory or cardiovascular health problems, those
3 situated within 500 feet of a freeway, and those without the resources to protect
4 themselves are most at risk, and

5 WHEREAS the proposed regional Clean Fuel Standard, "Scenario D,"
6 projects 20-26 percent reductions in transportation fuel carbon intensity by 2030,
7 and a resulting reduction in fine particle pollution (PM_{2.5}) emissions is estimated to
8 result in health benefits, presently valued at up to \$45.7 million by 2030, especially
9 for low-income communities and communities of color, which studies show are
10 often located near major roadways such as the Interstate 5 corridor, and
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12 WHEREAS the Clean Fuel Standard "Scenario D" is consistent with the
13 region's economic growth, and any changes to economic productivity and
14 employment are estimated to be minimal, and

15 WHEREAS the City enjoys low-cost, low-carbon electricity resources, and
16 the City, Tacoma Public Utilities, and their partners which provide clean fuels and
17 infrastructure can earn credits from sales, and

18 WHEREAS the Washington State Legislature has been unable to address a
19 proposed statewide Clean Fuel Standard rule in recent years, and

20 WHEREAS, if adopted, the regional Clean Fuel Standard "Scenario D" will
21 reduce greenhouse gas emissions from transportation fuels using a flexible,
22 market-based approach that spurs technological innovation, and has the ability to
23 improve air quality, protect public health, transform and diversify the transportation
24 fuel pool, decrease dependency on petroleum over the long-term, and increase
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predictability and consistency in the fuel market in Tacoma and the wider Puget

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Sound region; Now, Therefore,

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

That the City Council affirms its support for the most robust proposal,
“Scenario D,” for the regional Clean Fuel Standard rule, with a “yea” vote when it
comes before the Puget Sound Clean Air Agency Board of Directors for approval
in 2020.

Adopted _____

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk

Approved as to form:

City Attorney