



AMENDED RESOLUTION NO. U-11213

1 A RESOLUTION relating to amending and revising Chapter 12.10 of the
2 Tacoma Municipal Code ("TMC") regarding water rates, effective
3 January 1, 2021 and January 1, 2022.

4 WHEREAS the City of Tacoma, Department of Public Utilities, Water
5 Division (d.b.a. "Tacoma Water"), has requested proposed rates adjustments
6 for Chapter 12.10 in Title 12 ("Utilities") of the Tacoma Municipal Code ("TMC"),
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8 WHEREAS Tacoma Water provides service for over 300,000 customers
9 in the greater Tacoma metropolitan area, and

10 WHEREAS in 2019, Tacoma Water delivered approximately 50 million
11 gallons a day and generated about \$90 million in water sales, and

12 WHEREAS although overall consumption has remained steady, ongoing
13 costs to maintain our utility have increased, and therefore Tacoma Water is
14 proposing annual system-wide average rate adjustments of 1.5 percent,
15 effective January 1, 2021, and 2 percent, effective January 1, 2022, which
16 would be implemented equally across all rate classes, and distributed
17 proportionately to fixed and variable rate elements where applicable or
18 consistent with policy and contractual provisions, in order to meet ongoing
19 needs, and
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21 WHEREAS the proposed rate adjustments also include a change to TMC
22 12.10.400(H) "Low-income Senior and/or Low-income Disabled Residential
23 Rate Discount" which would be effective January 1, 2021 and would increase
24 the amount of assistance that is available for customers who qualify for that
25 service, and
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1 WHEREAS the income qualifications for the rate discount in TMC
2 12.10.400(H) is set forth in TMC 12.06.165 for Tacoma Power customers and
3 those income qualifications are subject to a proposed increase in Tacoma
4 Power's rate adjustments, and

5 WHEREAS Tacoma Water desires to amend Chapter 12.10 of the
6 Tacoma Municipal Code, Water – Regulations and Rates, through a system-
7 wide average rate increase of 1.5 percent effective January 1, 2021 and a
8 second system-wide average rate increase of 2 percent effective January 1,
9 2022, and by increasing the amount of assistance that is available for
10 customers who qualify for the "Low-income Senior and/or Low-income Disabled
11 Residential Rate Discount" in TMC 12.10.400(H), effective January 1, 2021,
12 and
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14 WHEREAS revisions to Tacoma Water rates require approval by the
15 Public Utility Board and Tacoma City Council pursuant to Tacoma City Charter
16 section 4.11, and
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18 WHEREAS the recommended rate adjustments are just, fair and
19 reasonable, and are in the best interest of the citizens of Tacoma and the
20 customers of Tacoma Water; Now, Therefore,

21 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PUBLIC UTILITY BOARD OF THE CITY OF TACOMA:
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23 Sec. 1. The proposed adjustments to Chapter 12.10 of the Tacoma
24 Municipal Code, Water – Regulations and Rates are hereby approved, with a
25 system-wide average increase to Water rates of 1.5 percent effective January
26 1, 2021, and a system-wide average increase to Water rates of 2 percent

