



RESOLUTION NO. 41826

1 BY REQUEST OF MAYOR WOODARDS

2 A RESOLUTION relating to Charter Review; directing the City Manager to bring
3 a review of past Charter Review processes and facilitate a conversation
4 on updates, timelines, and process with the City Council at least two
years prior to the 2034 Charter Review.

5 WHEREAS Section 2.25 of the City Charter states that the City Council
6 shall commence a review of this charter no less frequently than once every ten
7 years, by appointing Tacoma residents to a charter review committee, or by the
8 election of a board of freeholders in the manner provided in state law; any
9 freeholders shall be nominated and elected by position and by district; the charter
10 review committee, which shall be provided with sufficient staff and budget to
11 perform a comprehensive review, shall report any recommended amendments to
12 the City Council, and
13 the City Council, and
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15 WHEREAS the last review of the City Charter was in 2024, meaning the
16 next review must take place in 2034 or earlier, and

17 WHEREAS during the 2024 Charter Review process, there was a
18 recommendation to extend the review timeline and ensure our volunteers receive
19 training and education and are given the resources and time to complete a
20 thorough review will enhance support for decision making for future Charter
21 reviews, and
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23 WHEREAS the intent was that additional time will allow the volunteers to do
24 fiscal and legal analysis to better understand the impacts of implementation and
25 work more closely with the City Council to understand the issues facing the City,
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1 and this could also give the City Council more time to follow up on
2 recommendations before choosing what to send forward to voters, and

3 WHEREAS this conversation was referred to an alternative process for
4 additional study and evaluation by Resolution No. 41497 on July 30, 2024, and
5 was assigned to the City Council's Operational Strategy and Administrative
6 ("OSAC") Committee for review and development of a recommendation, and
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8 WHEREAS OSAC's focus on the City Manager recruitment process after
9 former City Manager Elizabeth Pauli's retirement in mid-2025, however, left the
10 Charter Review conversation unfinished, and
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12 WHEREAS this resolution ensures the conversation will continue at a future
13 date closer to the next review to ensure a proactive approach while incorporating
14 any new priorities and impacts that may occur in the future closer to the review;
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BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TACOMA:

That the Council of the City of Tacoma hereby directs the City Manager to bring a review of past Charter Review processes and facilitate a conversation on updates, timelines, and process with the City Council at least two years prior to the 2034 Charter Review.

Adopted _____

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk

Approved as to form:

City Attorney