Legislation Passed December 5, 2023

The Tacoma City Council, at its regular City Council meeting of December 5, 2023, adopted the following resolutions and/or ordinances. The summary of the contents of said resolutions and/or ordinances are shown below. To view the full text of the document, click on the bookmark at the left of the page.

**Resolution No. 41302**
A resolution awarding a contract to Miles Resources LLC, in the amount of $565,903.00, plus applicable taxes, plus a 15 percent contingency, for a cumulative total of $650,788.45, budgeted from the Streets Initiative Fund and a Safe Routes to School Grant, for pedestrian and safety improvements at Manitou Elementary School - Specification No. PW23-0027F. [Josh Lauer, Project Manager; Ramiro A. Chavez, P.E. PgMP, Director, Public Works]

**Resolution No. 41303**
A resolution awarding a contract to Tucci & Sons, Inc., in the amount of $1,399,544.80, plus applicable taxes, plus a 15 percent contingency, for a cumulative total of $1,609,476.52, budgeted from the Street Capital Projects Fund, a Washington State Department of Commerce Public Works Board loan, and a private development fee-in-lieu contribution, for construction of the St. Helens Avenue Improvements project - Specification No. PW23-0101F. [Charla Kinlow, Project Manager; Ramiro A. Chavez, P.E. PgMP, Director, Public Works]

**Resolution No. 41304**
A resolution appointing individuals to the Community's Police Advisory Committee. [Nicole Emery, City Clerk; Chris Bacha, Interim City Attorney]

**Resolution No. 41305**
A resolution appointing and reappointing individuals to the Tacoma Arts Commission. [Nicole Emery, City Clerk; Chris Bacha, Interim City Attorney]

**Resolution No. 41306**
A resolution appointing individuals to the Tacoma Creates Advisory Board. [Nicole Emery, City Clerk; Chris Bacha Interim City Attorney]

**Resolution No. 41307**
A resolution authorizing the execution of an agreement with the Tacoma Community Redevelopment Authority, to acquire property for affordable housing. [Felicia Medlen, Housing Division Manager; Jeff Robinson, Director, Community and Economic Development]
Resolution No. 41308
A resolution authorizing the extension of a Multi-Family Housing 12-Year Limited Property Tax Exemption Agreement with Sound Heights Townhomes, LLC, for the extension of their original Multi-Family Housing Eight-Year Limited Property Tax Exemption Agreement, located at 4001-4003 South Puget Sound Avenue, for 12 additional years.
[Debbie Bingham, Project Manager; Jeff Robinson, Director, Community and Economic Development]

Resolution No. 41309
A resolution authorizing the extension of a Multi-Family Housing 12-Year Limited Property Tax Exemption Agreement with Sound Heights Townhomes, LLC, for the extension of their original Multi-Family Housing Eight-Year Property Tax Exemption Agreement, located at 4031-4033 South Puget Sound Avenue, for 12 additional years.
[Debbie Bingham, Project Manager; Jeff Robinson, Director, Community and Economic Development]

Resolution No. 41310
A resolution adopting the priority issues for the 2024 sessions of the United States Congress and Washington State Legislature.
[Sonja Hallum, Government Relations Officer; Elizabeth Pauli, City Manager]

Resolution No. 41311
A resolution directing the Planning Commission to identify appropriate zoning and development standards for siting Enhanced Services Facilities.
[Council Member Bushnell]

Ordinance No. 28919
An ordinance amending Chapter 3.11 of the Municipal Code, relating to Emergency Medical Transportation, by amending Section 3.11.060, entitled “Patient transportation service rates”, to restore the Emergency Medical Services levy and allow the levy to pay for medical transport charges incurred by qualified City residents, as passed by voters in Proposition 1 in the August 1, 2023, Primary Election.
[Teresa Green, Senior Business Services Manager; Toryono Green, Fire Chief]

Ordinance No. 28920
A supplemental ordinance providing for the issuance and sale of one or more series of Electric System Revenue and Refunding Bonds in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed $225,000,000, to provide funds to finance and refinance capital improvements to the electric system, redeem certain obligations of the electric system, and pay costs of issuance for the bonds; and delegating the authority to approve the final terms of the bonds.
[Michelle Brown, Financial Planning Supervisor; Chris Robinson, Power Superintendent]
Substitute Ordinance No. 29822
An ordinance amending Titles 8 and 17 of the Municipal Code, relating to Animal Control and Public Safety, by amending Section 17.02.140, entitled “Public disturbance noise and public nuisance noise made by an animal”, and Section 8.12.060, entitled “Public disturbance noises”, to revise requirements for enforcement of an unlawful action and to remove the criminal misdemeanor charge for public disturbance and public nuisance noise made by an animal.
[Council Member Hines]

Ordinance No. 28923
An ordinance amending Title 17 of the Municipal Code, relating to Animal Control, by adding a new Section 17.02.155, entitled “Cat Declawing”, to establish a ban on performing a procedure that results in the partial or complete declawing of a cat except when conducted by a licensed veterinarian for a therapeutic purpose, effective March 31, 2024.
[Council Member Hines]
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RESOLUTION NO. 41311

BY REQUEST OF COUNCIL MEMBERS BUSHNELL, DANIELS, AND USHKA

A RESOLUTION relating to zoning; directing the Planning Commission to identify appropriate zoning and development standards for siting Enhanced Service Facilities.

WHEREAS Revised Code of Washington ("RCW") 70.97.010 defines an Enhanced Services Facility ("ESF") as a facility that provides support and services to persons for whom acute in-patient treatment is not medically necessary, and

WHEREAS RCW 70.97.030 provides admission criteria for persons utilizing ESFs, which includes persons having a behavioral health disorder, an organic or traumatic brain injury, or a cognitive impairment that results in symptoms or behaviors requiring supervision and support services, and a history of or likelihood of unsuccessful placements in other licensed long-term care facilities or a history of rejected applications for admission to other licensed facilities based on the person’s behaviors, and

WHEREAS additionally, patients must be currently residing in a state mental hospital or psychiatric unit of a hospital with the hospital having found that the patient is ready for discharge, and

WHEREAS Tacoma Municipal Code ("TMC") Title 13 – Land Use Regulatory Code, does not provide a specific description of an ESF use type and does not clearly indicate where and how such facilities should be allowed, and
WHEREAS this resolution directs the Planning Commission to identify appropriate zoning and development standards for ESFs to address the needs of the individuals living in these facilities, and

WHEREAS specific considerations include: (1) that residents of ESFs have access to opportunity, specifically by ensuring these facilities are not concentrated in low opportunity areas, and (2) these facilities are near amenities that offer a positive quality of life for residents, and

WHEREAS the state legislature updated laws regarding ESFs in 2019, and at that time, Pierce County adopted an emergency moratorium for ESFs to provide time to review and propose zoning and development standards, and this resolution provides direction for a similar review to happen in the City; Now, Therefore,

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

That the Planning Commission is hereby directed to identify appropriate zoning and development standards for siting Enhanced Services Facilities.

Adopted ______________________

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Mayor

Attest:

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City Clerk

Approved as to form:

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Deputy City Attorney
AN ORDINANCE relating to property tax levies; amending Chapter 3.11 of the Municipal Code, relating to Emergency Medical Transportation, by amending Section 3.11.060, entitled “Patient transportation service rates” to restore the Emergency Medical Services levy and allow the levy to pay for medical transport charges incurred by qualified city residents, as passed by voters in Proposition 1 in the August 1, 2023, Primary Election.

WHEREAS, the City Council placed Proposition 1 on the August 1, 2023, primary election ballot, asking voters to restore the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Levy to $0.50/$1,000 of assessed property value (AV) and allow the levy to pay for charges incurred by qualified City residents for all Tacoma Fire Department transports not paid by third parties or insurers, including Basic Life Support (BLS), and

WHEREAS, during the August 1, 2023, primary election, Proposition 1 was passed by the voters, which restored the EMS levy to $0.50/$1,000 of assessed property value, and

WHEREAS, to implement the results of the vote it is necessary to amend Chapter 3.11 of the Municipal Code, relating to Emergency Medical Transportation, by amending Section 3.11.060, entitled “Patient transportation service rates” to restore the EMS levy and allow the levy to pay for medical transport charges incurred by qualified City residents, as approved by voters;

Now, Therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF TACOMA:

Section 1. That Section 3.11.060 of the Municipal Code, entitled “Patient transportation service rates” is hereby amended to restore the Emergency
Medical Services levy and allow the levy to pay for medical transport charges incurred by qualified City residents, as passed by voters in Proposition 1 in the August 1, 2023, Primary Election, to read as set forth in the attached Exhibit “A.”

Section 2. That the City Clerk, in consultation with the City Attorney’s Office, is authorized to make necessary corrections to this ordinance, including, but not limited to, the correction of scrivener’s/clerical errors, references, ordinance numbering, section/subsection numbers, and any references thereto.

Passed _______________________

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Mayor

Attest:

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City Clerk

Approved as to form:

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Deputy City Attorney
CHAPTER 3.11
EMERGENCY MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION

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3.11.060 Patient transportation service rates.

The following procedures are established for patient transport service to users of the City Fire Department Advanced Life Support ("ALS") patient transport service and Basic Life Support ("BLS") patient transport service:

A. Charges to be made.

1. Transport. All persons who are transported by a City Fire Department ambulance shall be charged for all services at the rates as set by ordinance of the City Council, as amended from time to time, provided that the Tacoma Fire Department may adjust the charges yearly for any cost-of-living adjustment ("COLA") increases as measured by the Consumer Price Index, Pacific Cities and U.S. City Average for the Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton areas. Rates for services and supplies shall be set to provide for recovery of actual costs based upon an average charge, which will be reviewed biennially. Each person transported will be billed for all services provided. EMS members and nonmembers will be billed at the same rate.

2. Treatment and non-transport. All persons who receive Advanced Life Support ("ALS") medical treatment by the Tacoma Fire Department and, who after treatment, decline transportation to a local hospital shall be charged a non-transport fee. EMS members and nonmembers will be billed at the same rate. The base rate shall be subject to biennial COLA increases in the same manner as the transport rates set forth in Subsection 1 above.

B. EMS membership benefits.

By reason of special property tax levies for certain emergency medical services which are levied against property within the corporate limits of the City or are levied against property within the corporate limits of a jurisdiction for which the City has assumed contractual EMS responsibility, each resident of the City and of those contractual jurisdictions signing (by recipient or authorized representative) an EMS Membership form containing an affirmation of City residency and an assignment of benefits to the City, together with an appropriate release of medical information, shall become an EMS member and be entitled to membership benefits as herein provided. An EMS member receiving BLS or ALS treatment and/or transport by the City Fire Department ALS transport or ALS treatment and non-transport by a City Fire Department ambulance shall be deemed to have paid (by reason of the special levy) that portion of the charges incurred which is not payable by third parties and insurers, including, but not limited to, any insurance or medical benefits of any nature available to such member. EMS membership benefits do not include BLS transport services. This EMS membership benefit of coverage of charges in excess of available insurance or medical benefits shall cease when or if:

1. A member ceases to be a resident;

2. A member refuses to provide requested information pertaining to third party coverage or to provide appropriate releases of information and assignment of benefits to the City on forms provided by the City; or

3. Such EMS membership benefit is limited or extinguished by amendment or repeal of this Chapter.

C. Nonmembers.
Persons receiving BLS or ALS treatment and/or transport by the ALS transport or ALS treatment and non-transport by City Fire Department ambulances who are not entitled to eligible for an EMS membership shall be required to pay all charges incurred. Where practical, the City, in accordance with procedures to be approved by the Fire Chief, will, with the authorization of a nonmember receiving transport services, first seek payment of charges incurred from such nonmember’s insurance or other medical benefit provider, but such nonmember shall remain fully responsible for any amount due which is not paid by such third parties.

D. Medicare and Medicaid.

Eligible recipients of Medicare and Medicaid benefits shall be charged as the result of BLS or ALS treatment and/ or transport by the ALS transport or ALS treatment and non-transport by City Fire Department ambulances at only the maximum rate allowed under the Medicare and Medicaid federal programs, and the City shall accept as payment under the Medicare and Medicaid programs only such maximum amount as the City may collect pursuant to the applicable requirements and guidelines of the Medicare and Medicaid programs.

E. Compliance with Medicare and Medicaid requirements.

This chapter and charges for ambulance services hereunder shall be construed and implemented in a manner consistent with applicable requirements of the Medicare and Medicaid programs.

* * *
ORDINANCE NO. 28920

A SUPPLEMENTAL ORDINANCE of the City of Tacoma, Washington, relating to the electric system; providing for the issuance and sale of one or more series of electric system revenue and refunding bonds in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed $225,000,000 to provide funds to finance and refinance capital improvements to the electric system, to redeem certain obligations of the electric system, and to pay costs of issuance for the bonds; fixing or setting parameters with respect to certain terms and covenants of the bonds, and appointing the City’s designated representatives to approve the final terms of the sale of the bonds; and approving certain other matters in connection therewith.

WHEREAS the City of Tacoma, Washington ("City"), acting by and through its Department of Public Utilities, Light Division (d/b/a “Tacoma Power”), owns and operates an electric system (“Electric System”) for which capital improvements and other expenses may be financed through the issuance of electric system revenue bonds, and

WHEREAS the City, by Ordinance No. 23514, passed on November 20, 1985 (as amended and supplemented, including as amended and restated by Ordinance No. 28146, passed on April 30, 2013, as amended by Ordinance No. 28444, passed on August 1, 2017, and as amended by Ordinance No. 28773, passed on August 3, 2021 (collectively, “Master Ordinance”), authorized electric system revenue bonds of the City ("Parity Bonds") to be issued in series having a parity of lien and charge on the Revenues of the Electric System after the payment of Operating Expenses (as those terms are defined therein), if certain conditions are met, and made covenants in connection with the issuance of such Parity Bonds, and
WHEREAS the City, acting through Tacoma Power, has issued and currently has outstanding the following Parity Bonds:

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and

WHEREAS the 2013 Bonds may be defeased and/or redeemed in whole or in part, on any day on or after July 1, 2023, at the option of the City at a savings to Tacoma Power and its ratepayers, and

WHEREAS the Master Ordinance permits the City to issue obligations that are junior and subordinate to the payment of the Parity Bonds subject to the conditions set forth in the Master Ordinance, and

WHEREAS on April 21, 2015, the City Council passed Ordinance No. 28295 (as amended, “Master Subordinate Ordinance”) to authorize revenue bonds of the City, junior and subordinate to the Parity Bonds, to be known as the City of Tacoma
Electric System Subordinate Revenue Bonds ("Subordinate Bonds") in one or more
series to finance costs of the Electric System, and

WHEREAS pursuant to the Master Subordinate Ordinance and Ordinance
No. 28774, passed by the City Council on August 3, 2021, the City issued its
Electric System Subordinate Revenue Note, Series 2021 to evidence a revolving
line of credit in the principal amount of not to exceed $150,000,000 outstanding at
any time to finance and refinance such capital improvements to the Electric System
("2021 Note"), and

WHEREAS the 2021 Note is currently scheduled to mature on October 1, 2024, and may be prepaid prior to maturity, and

WHEREAS the Public Utility Board of the City ("Board") has initiated and has recommended to the City Council for its approval the issuance of one or more
series of Parity Bonds to provide funds to defease and/or redeem all or a portion of
the outstanding 2013 Bonds, to finance and/or refinance costs of capital
improvements to the Electric System (including prepaying the 2021 Note), and to pay the costs of issuance for the bonds, and

WHEREAS the City Council further finds that certain of the capital
improvements to be financed and/or refinanced with proceeds of the bonds
authorized herein, including those financed with proceeds of the 2021 Note, have environmentally beneficial attributes consistent with the City’s Environmental
Action Plan and other environmental priorities and goals of Tacoma Power
designed to mitigate the impacts of climate change and promote sustainability and conservation, and
WHEREAS the City Council desires to authorize the designation of all or a portion of the bonds issued to finance and/or refinance such improvements, which have environmentally beneficial attributes, as “Green Bonds” in accordance with the voluntary, generally accepted Green Bond Principles promulgated by the International Capital Market Association and/or other relevant standards or frameworks, and the City is permitted to make such a voluntary designation based on the intended use of such proceeds, and

WHEREAS the City Council wishes to delegate authority to the individuals authorized herein (each, a “Designated Representative”), for a limited time, the authority to approve the final terms of the bonds authorized herein within the parameters set by this Supplemental Ordinance, and

WHEREAS the City expects to receive a purchase contract from J.P. Morgan Securities LLC, Goldman Sachs and Co. LLC, and Loop Capital Markets LLC (“Underwriters”) to purchase the bonds authorized herein, and now desires to issue and sell such bonds to the Underwriters as set forth herein; Now, Therefore,
BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF TACOMA:

ARTICLE I

DEFINITIONS

Section 1.1. Definitions and Interpretation of Terms. Capitalized terms used but not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings set forth in the Master Ordinance, including any amendments to such terms as provided herein. In addition, as used in this Supplemental Ordinance and with respect to the Bonds, the following words shall have the following meanings:

“Acquired Obligations” means the Governmental Obligations acquired by the City under the terms of this Supplemental Ordinance and the Escrow Agreement to effect the refunding of the Refunded Bonds, but only to the extent that the same are acquired at Fair Market Value.

“Assistant Finance Director/Controller” means the duly appointed and acting Assistant Finance Director/Controller of the City, including anyone acting in an interim or other capacity for the position, or the successor to the duties of that office.

“Beneficial Owner” means any person that has or shares the power, directly or indirectly, to make investment decisions concerning ownership of any Bonds (including persons holding Bonds through nominees, depositaries or other intermediaries).

“Board” means the Public Utility Board of the City, as the same shall be duly and regularly constituted from time to time.
“Bond Purchase Contract” means one or more contracts between the Underwriters and the City for the purchase of Bonds, executed pursuant to the Master Ordinance and this Supplemental Ordinance and setting forth the final terms of the applicable series of Bonds.

“Bond Register” means the registration books maintained by the Bond Registrar for purposes of identifying ownership of the Bonds or the nominee of each owner, and such other information as the Bond Registrar shall determine.

“Bond Registrar” means, initially, the fiscal agent of the State, whose duties include registering and authenticating the Bonds, maintaining the Bond Register, effecting transfer of ownership of the Bonds and paying interest on and principal of the Bonds.

“Bonds” mean the Electric System Revenue and Refunding Bonds authorized to be issued from time to time in one or more series under the Master Ordinance and this Supplemental Ordinance.

“Call Date” means a date selected by a Designated Representative for the refunding of the Refunded Bonds.

“City” means the City of Tacoma, Washington, a municipal corporation duly organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the State.

“City Attorney” means the duly appointed and acting City Attorney of the City, including anyone acting in an interim or other capacity for the position, or the successor to the duties of that office.
“City Clerk” means the duly appointed and acting City Clerk of the City, including anyone acting in an interim or other capacity for the position, or the successor to the duties of that office.

“City Manager” means the duly appointed and acting City Manager of the City, including anyone acting in an interim or other capacity for the position, or the successor to the duties of that office.

“Code” means the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 as in effect on the date of issuance of the Tax-Exempt Bonds or (except as otherwise referenced herein) as it may be amended to apply to obligations issued on the date of issuance of the Tax-Exempt Bonds, together with applicable proposed, temporary and final regulations promulgated, and applicable official public guidance published, under the Code.

“Continuing Disclosure Certificate” means one or more written undertakings for the benefit of the owners and Beneficial Owners of the Bonds as required by Section (b)(5) of the Rule.

“Council” or “City Council” means the City Council as the general legislative authority of the City, as duly and regularly constituted from time to time.

“Designated Representative” means the Director of Utilities and the Tacoma Power Superintendent, and their designees. The signature of one Designated Representative shall be sufficient to bind the City.

“Director of Utilities” means the duly appointed and acting Director of the City Department of Public Utilities, including anyone acting in an interim or other capacity for the position, or the successor to the duties of that office.
“Escrow Agent” means the escrow agent, if any, selected by a Designated Representative pursuant to the terms of this Supplemental Ordinance.

“Escrow Agreement” means the Escrow Deposit Agreement, if any, between the City and the Escrow Agent relating to the refunding of the Refunded Bonds.

“Fair Market Value” means the price at which a willing buyer would purchase an investment from a willing seller in a bona fide, arm’s-length transaction, except for specified investments as described in Treasury Regulation § 1.148-5(d)(6), including United States Treasury obligations, certificates of deposit, guaranteed investment contracts, and investments for yield restricted defeasance escrows. Fair Market Value is generally determined on the date on which a contract to purchase or sell an investment becomes binding, and, to the extent required by the applicable regulations under the Code, the term “investment” will include a hedge.

“Federal Tax Certificate” means the certificate of the City pertaining to the tax-exemption of interest on the Tax-Exempt Bonds, and any attachments thereto.

“Finance Director” means the duly appointed and acting Finance Director of the City, including anyone acting in an interim or other capacity for the position, or the successor to the duties of that office.

“Fiscal Agent” for purposes of the Bonds means the Bond Registrar.

“Government Obligations” means those obligations now or hereafter defined as such in chapter 39.53 RCW constituting direct obligations of, or obligations the principal of and interest on which are unconditionally guaranteed by the United States of America, as such chapter may be hereafter amended or restated.
“Letter of Representations” means the blanket issuer letter of representations from the City to DTC.

“Master Ordinance” means Ordinance No. 28146, passed on April 30, 2013, as amended by Ordinance No. 28444, passed on August 1, 2017, and as amended by Ordinance No. 28773, passed on August 3, 2021, as it may be further amended from time to time.

“Mayor” means the duly elected Mayor of the City or the successor to such officer.

“Official Statement” means the disclosure documents prepared and delivered in connection with the issuance of each series of Bonds.


“Parity Bonds” means the Outstanding Parity Bonds, the Bonds and any Future Parity Bonds. “Parity Bonds” may include bonds, notes, warrants, certificates of indebtedness or any other evidence of indebtedness issued pursuant to the Parity Conditions.

“Paying Agent” for purposes of the Bonds means the Bond Registrar.

“Plan of Additions” means the system or plan of additions to and betterments and extensions of the Electric System described in Section 2.4, as such Plan may be amended, supplemented, or revised from time to time consistent with the City’s Electric System Comprehensive Plan.

“Project” or “Projects” mean the capital improvements to the Electric System to be financed or refinanced with proceeds of the Bonds, as provided in Section 2.4.
“Record Date” means the close of business for the Bond Registrar that is 15 days preceding any interest and/or principal payment or redemption date.

“Refunded Bonds” mean all or a portion of the 2013 Bonds designated by a Designated Representative for refunding pursuant to this Supplemental Ordinance.

“Registered Owner” means the person named as the registered owner of a Bond in the Bond Register. For so long as the Bonds are held in book-entry only form, DTC or its nominee shall be deemed to be the sole Registered Owner.

“Rule” means the Security and Exchange Commission’s Rule 15c2-12 under the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, as the same may be amended from time to time.

“Subordinate Bonds” means the City of Tacoma Electric System Subordinate Revenue Bonds, issued in one or more series to finance costs of the Electric System, and junior and subordinate to the Parity Bonds, as authorized by the Master Subordinate Ordinance.

“Tacoma Power Superintendent” means the duly appointed and acting Superintendent/Chief Operating Officer, Department of Public Utilities, Light Division, including anyone acting in an interim or other capacity for the position, or the successor to the duties of that office.

“Taxable Bonds” means any Bonds of a series determined to be issued on a taxable basis pursuant to this Supplemental Ordinance.

“Tax-Exempt Bonds” has the meaning set forth in the Master Ordinance.
“Treasurer” means the duly appointed and acting Treasurer of the City, including anyone acting in an interim or other capacity for the position, or the successor to the duties of that office.


“2010 Bonds” has the meaning set forth in the recitals hereto.

“2013 Bonds” has the meaning set forth in the recitals hereto.

“2017 Bonds” has the meaning set forth in the recitals hereto.

“2021 Bonds” has the meaning set forth in the recitals hereto.

“2021 Note” means the outstanding City of Tacoma Electric System Subordinate Revenue Note, Series 2021.

“2021 Supplemental Ordinance” means Ordinance No. 28773 of the City, passed by the City Council on August 3, 2021.

“2024 Bonds Bond Retirement Account” means the account created in Section 5.1 of this Supplemental Ordinance.

“2024 Bonds Construction Account” means the account created in Section 5.1 of this Supplemental Ordinance.

“2024 Bonds Interest Subaccount” means the account created in Section 5.1 of this Supplemental Ordinance.

“2024 Bonds Principal Subaccount” means the account created in Section 5.1 of this Supplemental Ordinance.

“2024 Bonds Refunding Account” means the account created in Section 5.1 of this Supplemental Ordinance.
ARTICLE II

PARITY AND OTHER FINDINGS

Section 2.1. Findings; Authority for Supplemental Ordinance; Intent.

Pursuant to the terms of the Master Ordinance, the City has authorized a revenue bond borrowing program, which authorizes the City to issue, from time to time, one or more series of Parity Bonds to finance costs of the Electric System. City Council approval is necessary prior to the issuance of debt under the Tacoma City Charter and State law. This Supplemental Ordinance is adopted pursuant to the laws of the State, the Tacoma City Charter and the Master Ordinance.

The City Council intends that the terms and conditions set forth in this Supplemental Ordinance shall apply to the each series of Bonds issued hereunder. In the event of any inconsistency between the terms and provisions provided for in this Supplemental Ordinance and the Master Ordinance, the terms and provisions of this Supplemental Ordinance shall control. For instance, the City intends that certain definitions and the following sections shall supersede the corresponding sections of the Master Ordinance as they apply to the Bonds:

A. Section 3.2 Registration, Exchange and Payments;

B. Section 3.3 Redemption Terms;

C. Section 3.4 Form of Bonds;

D. Section 3.5 Lost or Destroyed Bonds;

E. Section 4.2 General Authorization; Documents;

F. Section 4.3 Preliminary and Final Official Statements;

G. Section 4.4 Ongoing Disclosure; Continuing Disclosure Certificate; and
H. Section 7.1 Tax Covenants.

Except as otherwise provided herein, the terms of the Master Ordinance are incorporated herein for the benefit of the Owners of the Bonds.

Section 2.2. Parity Conditions. In connection with the issuance of the Bonds, the City hereby makes the following findings:

A. There is, and as of the Issue Date for each series of Bonds there will be, no deficiency in the Bond Fund and no Event of Default has occurred or shall have occurred and be continuing as of such Issue Date.

B. This Supplemental Ordinance provides that the payment of the principal of and interest on the Bonds shall be paid out of the Bond Fund.

C. On the Issue Date for each series of Bonds there will be on file with the City a certificate satisfying the Parity Conditions in Section 9.2 of Ordinance No. 28146, amending the Master Ordinance.

Section 2.3. Findings Related to Revenues of the Electric System. The City hereby finds and determines that the Revenues of the Electric System at the rates to be charged for power and other services and commodities from the Electric System will be more than sufficient to meet all Operating Expenses, to make all required payments with respect to the Outstanding Parity Bonds, the Bonds, and the outstanding Subordinate Bonds, and to permit the setting aside into the Bond Fund out of the Revenues of amounts sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on the Bonds as increased and extended and when due at maturity and upon any mandatory sinking fund redemption thereof.
The City further finds and determines that in creating the subaccounts in the Bond Fund and in fixing the amounts to be paid into such subaccounts in the Bond Fund, it has exercised due regard for Operating Expenses, and the City has not bound and obligated itself to set aside and pay into such subaccounts in the Bond Fund a greater amount or proportion of the Revenues than in the judgment of the City will be available over and above the Operating Expenses and the amount and proportion of the Revenues so previously pledged.

Section 2.4. Plan of Additions. The City specifies, adopts, and orders to be carried out the system or plan of additions to and betterments and extensions of the Electric System (“Plan of Additions”) as generally provided for in the capital portions of the Tacoma Power Biennial Budget, as supplemented and amended, and in any subsequent budget, and in the Electric System Comprehensive Plan.

The portion of the Plan of Additions financed and/or refinanced with proceeds of the Bonds is referred to herein as the “Project.” The estimated cost of the Plan of Additions to be financed and/or refinanced with the proceeds of the Bonds, including prepaying the 2021 Note, is at least $150,000,000.

The Plan of Additions includes the purchase and installation of all materials, supplies, appliances, equipment (including, but not limited to, data processing hardware and software and conservation equipment) and facilities; the acquisition of all permits, franchises, property and property rights; other capital assets; and all engineering, consulting, and other professional services and studies (whether performed by the City or by other public or private entities) necessary or convenient to carry out the Plan of Additions.
ARTICLE III

AUTHORIZATION AND TERMS OF BONDS

Section 3.1. Authorization of Bonds: Terms and Description of Bonds.

A. The City hereby authorizes the issuance of its “City of Tacoma, Washington, Electric System Revenue and Refunding Bonds, Series 2024” or other such designation as set forth in the Bonds and approved by a Designated Representative, pursuant to the terms of the Master Ordinance and this Supplemental Ordinance. The Bonds may be issued in one or more series, may be designated as Taxable Bonds or Tax-Exempt Bonds, and may be issued on the same Issue Date or from time to time on different Issue Dates. The Bonds shall constitute Parity Bonds within the meaning of the Master Ordinance.

B. Proceeds of the Bonds shall be used to finance and/or refinance costs of the Project (including prepaying the 2021 Note), to defease and/or redeem the Refunded Bonds, and to pay the costs of issuance for the Bonds.

C. The Bonds shall be issued in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed $225,000,000, shall be dated as of the Issue Date for such Bonds, shall be fully registered as to both principal and interest, shall be in the denomination of $5,000 each or any integral multiple thereof within a series and maturity, shall be numbered separately in such manner and with any additional designation as the Bond Registrar deems necessary for purposes of identification and control, shall bear interest from their applicable Issue Date payable on the dates and at the rates set forth in the applicable Bond Purchase Contract, and shall be subject to optional
and/or mandatory redemption, and mature on the dates and in the principal amounts set forth in the applicable Bond Purchase Contract.

Section 3.2. Registration, Exchange and Payments.

A. Bond Registrar/Bond Register. The City hereby specifies and adopts the system of registration approved by the Washington State Finance Committee from time to time through the appointment of a state fiscal agent. The City shall cause a Bond Register to be maintained by the Bond Registrar. So long as any Bonds remain outstanding, the Bond Registrar shall make all necessary provisions to permit the exchange or registration or transfer of Bonds at its designated office. The Bond Registrar may be removed at any time at the option of the Finance Director upon prior notice to the Bond Registrar and a successor Bond Registrar appointed by the Finance Director. No resignation or removal of the Bond Registrar shall be effective until a successor shall have been appointed and until the successor Bond Registrar shall have accepted the duties of the Bond Registrar hereunder. The Bond Registrar is authorized, on behalf of the City, to authenticate and deliver Bonds transferred or exchanged in accordance with the provisions of such Bonds and this Supplemental Ordinance, and to carry out all of the Bond Registrar’s powers and duties under this Supplemental Ordinance. The Bond Registrar shall be responsible for its representations contained in the Certificate of Authentication of the Bonds.

B. Registered Ownership. The City and the Bond Registrar, each in its discretion, may deem and treat the Registered Owner of each Bond as the absolute owner thereof for all purposes (except as provided in the Continuing Disclosure
Certificate), and neither the City nor the Bond Registrar shall be affected by any notice to the contrary. Payment of any such Bond shall be made only as described in subsection G, but such Bond may be transferred as herein provided. All such payments made as described in subsection G shall be valid and shall satisfy and discharge the liability of the City upon such Bond to the extent of the amount or amounts so paid.

C. DTC Acceptance/Letters of Representations. The Bonds initially shall be held by DTC acting as depository. The City has executed and delivered to DTC a Blanket Issuer Letter of Representations. Neither the City nor the Bond Registrar shall have any responsibility or obligation to DTC participants or the persons for whom they act as nominees (or any successor depository) with respect to the Bonds in respect of the accuracy of any records maintained by DTC (or any successor depository) or any DTC participant, the payment by DTC (or any successor depository) or any DTC participant of any amount in respect of the principal of or interest on Bonds, any notice which is permitted or required to be given to Registered Owners under this Supplemental Ordinance (except such notices as shall be required to be given by the City to the Bond Registrar or to DTC (or any successor depository)), or any consent given or other action taken by DTC (or any successor depository) as the Registered Owner. For so long as any Bonds are held by a depository, DTC or its successor depository or its nominee shall be deemed to be the Registered Owner for all purposes hereunder, and all references herein to the Registered Owners shall mean DTC (or any successor depository) or its nominee and shall not mean the owners of any beneficial interest in such Bonds.
D. Use of Depository.

(1) The Bonds of each series shall be registered initially in the name of “Cede & Co.”, as nominee of DTC, with one Bond maturing on each of the maturity dates for the Bonds in a denomination corresponding to the total principal therein designated to mature on such date. Registered ownership of such Bonds, or any portions thereof, may not thereafter be transferred except (i) to any successor of DTC or its nominee, provided that any such successor shall be qualified under any applicable laws to provide the service proposed to be provided by it; (ii) to any substitute depository appointed by the Finance Director pursuant to subsection (2) below or such substitute depository’s successor; or (iii) to any person as provided in subsection (4) below.

(2) Upon the resignation of DTC or its successor (or any substitute depository or its successor) from its functions as depository or a determination by the Finance Director to discontinue the system of book entry transfers through DTC or its successor (or any substitute depository or its successor), the Finance Director may appoint a substitute depository. Any such substitute depository shall be qualified under any applicable laws to provide the services proposed to be provided by it.

(3) In the case of any transfer pursuant to clause (i) or (ii) of subsection (1) above, the Bond Registrar shall, upon receipt of all outstanding Bonds, together with a written request on behalf of the Finance Director, issue a single new Bond for such series for each maturity then outstanding, registered in
the name of such successor or such substitute depository, or their nominees, as the case may be, all as specified in such written request of the Finance Director.

(4) In the event that (A) DTC or its successor (or substitute depository or its successor) resigns from its functions as depository, and no substitute depository can be obtained, or (B) the Finance Director determines that it is in the best interest of the Beneficial Owners of the Bonds that such owners be able to obtain physical Bond certificates, the ownership of such Bonds may then be transferred to any person or entity as herein provided, and shall no longer be held by a depository. The Finance Director shall deliver a written request to the Bond Registrar, together with a supply of physical Bonds, to issue Bonds as herein provided in any authorized denomination. Upon receipt by the Bond Registrar of all then outstanding Bonds of a series together with a written request on behalf of the Finance Director to the Bond Registrar, new Bonds of such series shall be issued in the appropriate denominations and registered in the names of such persons as are requested in such written request.

E. Registration of Transfer of Ownership or Exchange; Change in Denominations. The transfer of any Bond may be registered and Bonds may be exchanged, but no transfer of any such Bond shall be valid unless it is surrendered to the Bond Registrar with the assignment form appearing on such Bond duly executed by the Registered Owner or such Registered Owner’s duly authorized agent in a manner satisfactory to the Bond Registrar. Upon such surrender, the Bond Registrar shall cancel the surrendered Bond and shall authenticate and deliver, without charge to the Registered Owner or transferee therefor, a new Bond
(or Bonds at the option of the new Registered Owner) of the same series, date, maturity, and interest rate and for the same aggregate principal amount in any authorized denomination, naming as Registered Owner the person or persons listed as the assignee on the assignment form appearing on the surrendered Bond, in exchange for such surrendered and cancelled Bond. Any Bond may be surrendered to the Bond Registrar and exchanged, without charge, for an equal aggregate principal amount of Bonds of the same series, date, maturity, and interest rate, in any authorized denomination. The Bond Registrar shall not be obligated to register the transfer of or to exchange any Bond between the Record Date and the next principal payment or redemption date.

F. Bond Registrar’s Ownership of Bonds. The Bond Registrar may become the Registered Owner of any Bond with the same rights it would have if it were not the Bond Registrar, and to the extent permitted by law, may act as depository for and permit any of its officers or directors to act as a member of, or in any other capacity with respect to, any committee formed to protect the right of the Registered Owners or Beneficial Owners of Bonds.

G. Place and Medium of Payment. Both principal of and interest on the Bonds shall be payable in lawful money of the United States of America. Interest on the Bonds shall be calculated on the basis of a year of 360 days and twelve 30-day months. For so long as all Bonds of a series are held by a depository, payments of principal thereof and interest thereon shall be made as provided in accordance with the operational arrangements of DTC referred to in the Letter of Representations. In the event that the Bonds of a series are no longer held by a
depository, interest on such Bonds shall be paid by check or draft mailed to the
Registered Owners at the addresses for such Registered Owners appearing on the
Bond Register on the Record Date, or upon the written request of a Registered
Owner of more than $1,000,000 of Bonds (received by the Bond Registrar at least
by the Record Date), such payment shall be made by the Bond Registrar by wire
transfer to the account within the United States designated by the Registered
Owner. Principal of the Bonds shall be payable upon presentation and surrender of
such Bonds by the Registered Owners at the designated office of the Bond
Registrar.

If any Bond is duly presented for payment and funds have not been provided
by the City on the applicable payment date, then interest will continue to accrue
thereafter on the unpaid principal thereof at the rate stated on the Bond until the
Bond is paid.

Section 3.3. Redemption Terms.

A. Mandatory Redemption of Term Bonds and Optional Redemption, if any.
Each series of Bonds shall be subject to optional redemption on the dates, at the
prices and under the terms set forth in the applicable Bond Purchase Contract.
Each series of Bonds shall be subject to mandatory redemption to the extent, if any,
set forth in the applicable Bond Purchase Contract.

B. Purchase of Bonds. The City reserves the right to purchase any or all of
the Bonds in the open market at any time at any price acceptable to the City plus
accrued interest to the date of purchase.
C. Selection of Bonds for Redemption. For as long as the Bonds of a series are held in book entry only form, the selection of particular Bonds within a series and maturity to be redeemed shall be made in accordance with the operational arrangements then in effect at DTC. If the Bonds of a series are no longer held by a depository, the selection of such Bonds of such series to be redeemed and the surrender and reissuance thereof, as applicable, shall be made as provided in the following provisions of this subsection C or in the Official Statement. If the City redeems at any one time fewer than all of the Bonds of a series having the same maturity date, the particular Bonds or portions of Bonds of such series and maturity to be redeemed shall be selected by lot (or in such manner determined by the Bond Registrar) in increments of $5,000. In the case of a Bond of a denomination greater than $5,000, the City and the Bond Registrar shall treat each Bond as representing such number of separate Bonds each of the denomination of $5,000 as is obtained by dividing the actual principal amount of such Bond by $5,000. In the event that only a portion of the principal sum of a Bond is redeemed, upon surrender of such Bond at the designated office of the Bond Registrar there shall be issued to the Registered Owner, without charge therefor, for the then unredeemed balance of the principal sum thereof, at the option of the Registered Owner, a Bond or Bonds of like series, maturity and interest rate in any of the denominations herein authorized. Notwithstanding the foregoing or anything else to the contrary in this Supplemental Ordinance, the selection of any Bonds for redemption may be as provided in the applicable Bond Purchase Contract or Official Statement for such Bonds.
D. Notice of Redemption.

(1) Official Notice. For so long as the Bonds of a series are held by a depository, notice of redemption shall be given in accordance with the operational arrangements of DTC as then in effect, and neither the City nor the Bond Registrar shall provide any notice of redemption to any Beneficial Owners. The notice of optional redemption may be conditional. Unless waived by any owner of Bonds to be redeemed, official notice of any such redemption (which optional redemption may be conditioned by the Bond Registrar on the receipt of sufficient funds for redemption or otherwise) shall be given by the Bond Registrar on behalf of the City by mailing a copy of an official redemption notice by first class mail at least 20 days and not more than 60 days prior to the date fixed for redemption to the Registered Owner of the Bond or Bonds to be redeemed at the address shown on the Bond Register or at such other address as is furnished in writing by such Registered Owner to the Bond Registrar.

All official notices of redemption shall be dated and shall state:

(i) the redemption date,

(ii) the redemption price,

(iii) if fewer than all outstanding Bonds are to be redeemed, the identification by series and maturity (and, in the case of partial redemption, the respective principal amounts) of the Bonds to be redeemed,

(iv) any conditions to redemption, and
(v) the place where such Bonds are to be surrendered for payment of the redemption price, which place of payment shall be the principal office of the Bond Registrar.

On or prior to any optional redemption date, unless any condition to such redemption has not been satisfied or waived, or notice of such redemption has been rescinded or revoked, and on or prior to any mandatory redemption date, the City shall deposit with the Bond Registrar an amount of money sufficient to pay the redemption price of all the Bonds or portions of Bonds which are to be redeemed on that date. The City retains the right to rescind any optional redemption notice and the related optional redemption of Bonds by giving notice of rescission to the affected Registered Owners at any time on or prior to the scheduled redemption date. Any notice of optional redemption that is so rescinded shall be of no effect, and the Bonds for which the notice of optional redemption has been rescinded shall remain outstanding.

(2) Effect of Notice; Bonds Due. If notice of redemption has been given and not rescinded or revoked, or if the conditions set forth in a conditional notice of redemption have been satisfied or waived, the Bonds or portions of Bonds to be redeemed shall, on the redemption date, become due and payable at the redemption price therein specified, and if the Bond Registrar then holds sufficient funds to pay such Bonds at the redemption price, then from and after such date such Bonds or portions of Bonds shall cease to bear interest. Upon surrender of such Bonds for redemption in accordance with said notice, such Bonds shall be paid by the Bond Registrar at the redemption price. Installments of interest due on
or prior to the redemption date shall be payable as herein provided for payment of interest. All Bonds which have been redeemed shall be canceled by the Bond Registrar and shall not be reissued.

(3) Additional Notice. In addition to the foregoing notice, further notice shall be given by the City as set out below, but no defect in said further notice nor any failure to give all or any portion of such further notice shall in any manner defeat the effectiveness of a call for redemption if notice thereof is given as above-prescribed. Each further notice of redemption given hereunder shall contain the information required above for an official notice of redemption plus (i) the CUSIP numbers of all Bonds being redeemed; (ii) the date of issue of the Bonds as originally issued; (iii) the rate of interest borne by each Bond being redeemed; (iv) the maturity date of each Bond being redeemed; and (v) any other descriptive information needed to identify accurately the Bonds being redeemed. Each further notice of redemption may be sent at least 20 days before the redemption date to each party entitled to receive notice pursuant to the Continuing Disclosure Certificate and with such additional information as the City shall deem appropriate, but such mailings shall not be a condition precedent to the redemption of such Bonds.

(4) Amendment of Notice Provisions. The foregoing notice provisions of this Section 3.3, including, but not limited to, the information to be included in redemption notices and the persons designated to receive notices, may be amended by additions, deletions and changes in order to maintain compliance with
duly promulgated regulations and recommendations regarding notices of
redemption of municipal securities.

Section 3.4. Form of Bonds; Execution. The Bonds shall be in substantially
the form set forth in Exhibit “A,” which is incorporated herein by this reference, with
such changes thereto as may be approved by a Designated Representative,
consistent with this Supplemental Ordinance.

The Bonds shall be executed on behalf of the City with the manual or
facsimile signatures of the Mayor and City Clerk and the seal of the City shall be
impressed, imprinted, or otherwise reproduced thereon.

Only such Bonds as shall bear thereon a Certificate of Authentication in the
form provided herein, manually executed by the Bond Registrar, shall be valid or
obligatory for any purpose or entitled to the benefits of this Supplemental
Ordinance. Such Certificate of Authentication shall be conclusive evidence that the
Bonds so authenticated have been duly executed, authenticated and delivered
hereunder and are entitled to the benefits of this Supplemental Ordinance and the
Master Ordinance.

In case either of the officers who shall have executed the Bonds shall cease
to be an officer or officers of the City before the Bonds so signed shall have been
authenticated or delivered by the Bond Registrar, or issued by the City, such Bonds
may nevertheless be authenticated, delivered, and issued and upon such
authentication, delivery, and issuance, shall be as binding upon the City as though
those who signed the same had continued to be such officers of the City. Any Bond
may be signed and attested on behalf of the City by such persons who at the date
of the actual execution of such Bond, are the proper officers of the City, although at
the original date of such Bond any such person shall not have been such officer of
the City.

Section 3.5. Lost or Destroyed Bonds. In case any Bonds shall be lost,
stolen, or destroyed, the Bond Registrar may authenticate and deliver a new Bond
or Bonds of like series, amount, date, tenor, and effect to the owner thereof upon
the owner paying the expenses and charges of the City in connection therewith and
upon filing with the Bond Registrar evidence satisfactory to the Bond Registrar that
such Bond(s) were actually lost, stolen, or destroyed and of ownership thereof, and
upon furnishing the City with indemnity satisfactory to both.

ARTICLE IV

SALE OF BONDS

Section 4.1. Bond Sale.

A. Bond Sale. The Bonds shall be sold by negotiated public sale to the
Underwriters pursuant to the terms of one or more Bond Purchase Contracts. The
City Council has determined that it would be in the best interest of the City to
delegate to the Designated Representatives, for a limited time, the authority to
select the Refunded Bonds, to designate each series of Bonds as Tax-Exempt
Bonds or Taxable Bonds, and to approve the Final Terms for each series of Bonds,
including but not limited to final interest rates, final maturity date, redemption terms,
principal maturities, and any other terms for each series of Bonds.

Each Designated Representative is further authorized to designate all or a
portion of a series of Bonds allocated to finance the portion of the Project, which
have environmentally beneficial attributes, as “Green Bonds,” and to engage with such consultants and to undertake such action, execute such certificates, and agree to such terms as necessary to accomplish such designation.

B. Sale Parameters. Subject to the terms and conditions set forth in this Section, each Designated Representative is hereby authorized to select the Refunded Bonds, to designate the Bonds of a series as Tax-Exempt Bonds or Taxable Bonds, and to approve the final interest rates, final maturity date, redemption terms and principal maturities for each series of Bonds, and to agree to any other Final Terms for each series of Bonds that are in the best interest of the City and necessary to facilitate this Supplemental Ordinance so long as:

1. the aggregate principal (face) amount of all Bonds issued under this Supplemental Ordinance does not exceed $225,000,000,
2. the final maturity date for each series of Bonds is no later than January 1, 2054,
3. the aggregate purchase price for the Bonds of a series shall not be less than 98% of the aggregate stated principal amount of such Bonds, excluding any original issue discount, and not greater than 120%,
4. the Bonds of each series shall bear interest at fixed rates per annum and the true interest cost for the Bonds of such series (in the aggregate) does not exceed 6.00%,
5. any series of Bonds or portion of a series of Bonds that are sold for the purpose of defeasing and/or refunding the Refunded Bonds are sold for a price that results in a minimum aggregate net present value debt service savings over the
Refunded Bonds to be refunded with the proceeds of such series of at least 3.00%, and

6. the Bonds of each series conform to all other terms of this Supplemental Ordinance.

The final terms of each series of Bonds shall be set forth in the applicable Bond Purchase Contract. With respect to the Bonds, each Bond Purchase Contract shall serve as the “Pricing Certificate” as defined in the Master Ordinance. Subject to the terms and conditions set forth in this section, each Designated Representative is hereby authorized to execute one or more Bond Purchase Contracts for the Bonds.

The authority granted to the Designated Representatives by this Section shall expire on December 31, 2024. If a Bond Purchase Contract for the Bonds has not been executed by December 31, 2024, the authorization for the issuance of the Bonds shall be rescinded, and the Bonds shall not be issued nor their sale approved unless such Bonds are re-authorized by ordinance of the City Council at the request of the Board. The ordinance re-authorizing the issuance and sale of such Bonds may be in the form of a new ordinance repealing this Supplemental Ordinance in whole or in part or may be in the form of an amendatory ordinance approving a Bond Purchase Contract or establishing terms and conditions for the authority delegated under this Section.

Section 4.2. General Authorization; Documents. Following the passage and approval of this Supplemental Ordinance, the proper officials of the City, including the Designated Representatives, the Mayor, the Finance Director, the Treasurer,
the City Manager, the Assistant Finance Director/Controller, and the City Clerk, are authorized and directed to undertake all action necessary for the prompt execution and delivery of the Bonds to the Underwriters and further to execute all closing certificates and documents required to effect the closing and delivery of the Bonds in accordance with the terms of this Supplemental Ordinance and the Bond Purchase Contract. Such documents may include, but are not limited to, documents related to a municipal bond insurance policy delivered by an insurer to insure the payment when due of the principal of and interest on all or a portion of the Bonds as provided therein, if such insurance is determined by a Designated Representative to be in the best interest of the City.

Notwithstanding anything herein or in the Master Ordinance to the contrary, the signature of one authorized official, including, but not limited to, the Designated Representatives, shall be sufficient to bind the City.

Section 4.3. Preliminary and Final Official Statements. The Designated Representatives and the City Finance Director are each hereby authorized to deem final one or more preliminary Official Statements relating to the Bonds for the purposes of the Rule. The Designated Representatives and the City Finance Director are each further authorized to approve for purposes of the Rule, on behalf of the City, one or more final Official Statements relating to the issuance and sale of the Bonds and the distribution of the final Official Statement(s) pursuant thereto with such changes, if any, as may be deemed by such individual to be appropriate.

Section 4.4. Ongoing Disclosure; Continuing Disclosure Certificate. The City covenants to execute and deliver on each Issue Date a Continuing Disclosure Certificate.
Certificate consistent with the Rule. The Finance Director is hereby authorized to execute and deliver a Continuing Disclosure Certificate upon the issuance, delivery, and sale of the Bonds with such terms and provisions as such officer shall deem appropriate and in the best interests of the City.

ARTICLE V

CREATION OF ACCOUNTS; APPLICATION OF BOND PROCEEDS

Section 5.1. Establishment and Designation of Accounts.

A. There is hereby created in the Construction Fund an account to be known as the 2024 Bonds Construction Account.

B. There is hereby created in the Bond Fund the following accounts: 2024 Bonds Interest Subaccount, the 2024 Bonds Principal Subaccount, and the 2024 Bonds Bond Retirement Account.

C. There is hereby created the 2024 Bonds Refunding Account.

Section 5.2. No Reserve for the Bonds. The City hereby determines that the Bonds shall not be secured by the Reserve Account or any debt service reserve account. The reserve account requirement for the Bonds shall be zero.

Section 5.3. Deposit of Proceeds of the Bonds; Refunding Plan.

Immediately upon receipt thereof, the City shall deposit proceeds of each series of Bonds (net of the Underwriters’ discount and any associated fees and costs) as follows:

A. The amount necessary to finance and/or refinance the Project, including the amount necessary to prepay all or a portion of the 2021 Note, shall be deposited into the 2024 Bonds Construction Account. Any amount deposited
therein to prepay the 2021 Note shall be transferred, together with other available funds of the City, if any, within 30 days of the Issue Date for such Bonds, to the owner of the 2021 Note. The proper City officials are authorized and directed to give or cause to be given notice of prepayment of the 2021 Note in order to carry out the terms of this Supplemental Ordinance. After the prepayment of the 2021 Note, the 2021 Note shall remain outstanding until maturity or cancellation in accordance with its terms.

The remaining proceeds of any Bonds deposited into the 2024 Bonds Construction Account shall be used to pay and/or reimburse the City for any additional costs of the Project and to pay costs of issuance for such Bonds.

B. For the purpose of realizing a debt service savings and/or restructuring the Refunded Bonds, the City proposes to apply a portion of the proceeds of any Bonds issued for such purpose to defease and/or redeem the Refunded Bonds as set forth herein. The Council hereby finds that given current market conditions, is in the best interest of the City to proceed with the defeasance and/or refunding of the Refunded Bonds if the minimum aggregate net present value debt service savings over the Refunded Bonds is at least 3.00%, which is less than the minimum savings target set forth in the financial policies of the City.

If a Designated Representative determines that it is in the best interest of the City to proceed with the refunding authorized herein, a Designated Representative shall designate all or a portion of the 2013 Bonds as Refunded Bonds and such designation shall be set forth in the applicable Bond Purchase Contract. Each Designated Representative and the Finance Director are further
authorized to appoint an escrow agent ("Escrow Agent") to assist in the refunding plan authorized herein.

A portion of the proceeds of such series of Bonds, together with other available funds of the City, if any, shall be deposited with the paying agent for the Refunded Bonds or with the Escrow Agent on behalf of the City in the 2024 Bonds Refunding Account pursuant to an Escrow Agreement. Such proceeds and available funds of the City, if any, shall be used immediately upon receipt thereof to defease or redeem, as applicable, the Refunded Bonds as authorized by the bond ordinance authorizing the Refunded Bonds, and to pay costs of issuance of such series of Bonds.

Any net proceeds deposited with the Escrow Agent shall be used to defease the Refunded Bonds and discharge the obligations thereon by either holding the funds uninvested or through the purchase of certain Acquired Obligations bearing such interest and maturing as to principal and interest in such amounts and at such times which, together with any necessary beginning cash balance, will provide for the payment of interest on the Refunded Bonds as the same becomes due on and prior to the Call Date for the Refunded Bonds, and the redemption price (100% of the principal amount) of the Refunded Bonds on the Call Date.

In order to carry out the purposes of this Section, each Designated Representative and the Finance Director are authorized and directed to select the Call Date and to execute and deliver to the Escrow Agent an Escrow Agreement.

In the Escrow Agreement, the City shall irrevocably call the Refunded Bonds for redemption on the Call Date in accordance with the provisions of the
bond ordinances authorizing the redemption and retirement of the Refunded Bonds prior to their fixed maturities. Said defeasance and call for redemption of the Refunded Bonds shall be irrevocable after the delivery of the cash and/or Acquired Obligations to the Escrow Agent.

The City and the Escrow Agent are each hereby authorized and directed to provide for the giving of notices of the redemption of the Refunded Bonds in accordance with the applicable provisions of the bond ordinances authorizing the issuance of the Refunded Bonds. The costs of publication of such notices shall be an expense of the City.

Section 5.4. Deposits Into and Uses of the 2024 Subaccounts in the Bond Fund; Pledge of Revenues. The City hereby obligates and binds itself irrevocably to set aside and to pay into the 2024 Bonds Interest Subaccount, the 2024 Bonds Principal Subaccount, and the 2024 Bonds Bond Retirement Subaccount, respectively, out of the Revenues of the Electric System the amounts necessary (together with other available moneys on hand therein) to pay the principal of, interest on and any mandatory sinking fund redemptions for the Bonds as and when the same respectively become due and payable in accordance with the terms hereof. The 2024 Bonds Interest Subaccount, the 2024 Bonds Principal Subaccount, and the 2024 Bonds Bond Retirement Subaccount, respectively, shall be drawn upon solely for the purpose of paying the principal of, interest on and mandatory sinking fund redemptions for the Bonds.

Section 5.5. Investment of Funds. Money in the funds and accounts contained herein and in the Master Ordinance may be invested in Permitted
Investments as provided in the Master Ordinance, but only to the extent that the same are acquired, and disposed of at Fair Market Value.

ARTICLE VI
DEFEASANCE

In the event that the City, to effect the payment, retirement, or redemption of any Bond, sets aside in the Bond Fund or in another special account, cash or noncallable Government Obligations, or any combination of cash and/or noncallable Government Obligations, in amounts and maturities which, together with the known earned income therefrom, are sufficient to redeem and retire such Bond in accordance with its terms and to pay when due the interest and redemption premium, if any, thereon, and such cash and/or noncallable Government Obligations are irrevocably set aside and pledged for such purpose, then no further payments need be made into the Bond Fund for the payment of the principal of and interest on such Bond. The owner of a Bond so provided for shall cease to be entitled to any benefit or security of this Supplemental Ordinance except the right to receive payment of principal, premium, if any, and interest from the Bond Fund or such special account, and such Bond shall be deemed to be not outstanding under this Supplemental Ordinance.

The City shall give written notice of defeasance to the Registered Owners of the Bonds and to each party entitled to receive notice in accordance with the Continuing Disclosure Certificate.
ARTICLE VII

TAX COVENANTS

Section 7.1. Tax Covenants. The Bonds may be issued as “Tax-Exempt Bonds” within the meaning of the Master Ordinance. The City hereby covenants that it will take all actions necessary to assure the exclusion of interest on the Tax-Exempt Bonds from the gross income of the Owners of the Tax-Exempt Bonds, to the same extent as such interest is permitted to be excluded from gross income under the Code as in effect on the Issue Date of the Tax-Exempt Bonds, including, but not limited to, the following:

A. Private Activity Bond Limitation. The City will assure that the proceeds of the Tax-Exempt Bonds are not so used as to cause the Tax-Exempt Bonds to satisfy the private business tests of Section 141(b) of the Code or the private loan financing test of Section 141(c) of the Code.

B. Limitations on Disposition of Project. The City will not sell or otherwise transfer or dispose of (i) any personal property components of the Project financed or refinanced with proceeds of the Tax-Exempt Bonds other than in the ordinary course of an established government program under Treasury Regulation Section 1.141-2(d)(4) or (ii) any real property components of such Project, unless it has received an opinion of nationally recognized bond counsel to the effect that such disposition will not adversely affect the treatment of interest on the Tax-Exempt Bonds as excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes.

C. Federal Guarantee Prohibition. The City will not take any action or permit to suffer any action to be taken if the result of such action would be to cause any of
the Tax-Exempt Bonds to be “federally guaranteed” within the meaning of Section 149(b) of the Code.

D. Rebate Requirement. The City will take any and all actions necessary to assure compliance with Section 148(f) of the Code, relating to the rebate of excess investment earnings, if any, to the federal government, to the extent that such section is applicable to the Tax-Exempt Bonds.

E. No Arbitrage. The City will not take, or permit or suffer to be taken, any action with respect to the proceeds of the Tax-Exempt Bonds which, if such action had been reasonably expected to have been taken, or had been deliberately and intentionally taken, on the Issue Date of the Tax-Exempt Bonds would have caused the Tax-Exempt Bonds to be “arbitrage bonds” within the meaning of Section 148 of the Code.

F. System of Registration. The City will maintain a system for recording the ownership of the Tax-Exempt Bonds that complies with the provisions of Section 149 of the Code until the Tax-Exempt Bonds have been surrendered and canceled.

G. Record Retention. The City will retain its records of all accounting and monitoring it carries out with respect to the Tax-Exempt Bonds for at least three years after the Tax-Exempt Bonds mature or are prepaid (whichever is earlier); however, if the Tax-Exempt Bonds are redeemed prior to maturity, the City will retain its records of accounting and monitoring at least three years after the earlier of the maturity or redemption of the obligations that refunded the Tax-Exempt Bonds.
H. Compliance with Federal Tax Certificate. The City will comply with the provisions of the Federal Tax Certificate with respect to the Tax-Exempt Bonds, which are incorporated herein as if fully set forth herein.

The covenants of this section will survive payment in full or defeasance of the Tax-Exempt Bonds.

ARTICLE VIII

AMENDMENTS TO MASTER ORDINANCE

Section 8.1 Amendments to the Master Ordinance. The 2021 Supplemental Ordinance provides for amendments to the Master Ordinance, which amendments shall be immediately effective, without the need for further action of the Council, upon receipt of (a) consent of not less than 51% in aggregate principal amount of the Parity Bonds at the time outstanding, and (b) the consent of Assured Guaranty Municipal Corp., which has been received, so long as the surety policy related to the 2010 Bonds and the 2013 Bonds (as applicable) remains in effect or such bonds are no longer outstanding. Reference is made to Section 8.1 of the 2021 Supplemental Ordinance for the full contents of such amendments, which were incorporated herein by reference. Owners of the Bonds, by taking and owning the same, shall be deemed to have consented to the amendments provided for in the 2021 Supplemental Ordinance. Assured Guaranty Municipal Corp. consented to such amendments as of August 30, 2021.
SECTION IX
MISCELLANEOUS

Section 9.1. Ratification of Prior Acts. Any action taken consistent with the authority and prior to the effective date of this Supplemental Ordinance is ratified, approved and confirmed.

Section 9.2. Terms of Bonds Subject to the Master Ordinance. Except for matters otherwise provided for herein, every term and condition contained in the Master Ordinance shall apply to this Supplemental Ordinance and the Bonds with the same force and effect as if the same were herein set forth at length, with such omissions, variations, and modification as may be appropriate to make the same conform to this Supplemental Ordinance.

In the event of any inconsistency between the terms and provisions provided for in this Supplemental Ordinance and the Master Ordinance, the terms and provisions of this Supplemental Ordinance shall control.

Section 9.3. Ratification of Master Ordinance. Except as supplemented and amended by this Supplemental Ordinance, the Master Ordinance is hereby ratified, approved and confirmed and shall continue in full force and effect in accordance with its terms and provisions thereof, as amended and supplemented.

Section 9.4. Corrections by Clerk. Upon approval of the City Attorney, or such individual’s designee, and Bond Counsel, the City Clerk is hereby authorized to make necessary corrections to this Supplemental Ordinance, including, but not limited to, the correction of clerical errors; references to other local, state or federal
laws, codes, rules, or regulations; ordinance numbering and section/subsection numbering; and other similar necessary corrections.

Section 9.5. Severability. If any one or more of the provisions of this Supplemental Ordinance is or are held by any court of competent jurisdiction to be contrary to law, then such provision or provisions shall be null and void and shall be deemed separable from the remaining provisions and shall in no way affect the validity of the other provisions of this Supplemental Ordinance.

Section 9.6. Effective Date. This Supplemental Ordinance shall take effect and be in force 10 days after its passage, approval and publication as required by law.

Passed: __________________________

Attest: ____________________________

Mayor

City Clerk

Approved as to form and legality:

Pacifica Law Group LLP
Bond Counsel

By _____________________________
EXHIBIT “A”

Form of Bonds

[DTC Language]

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

No. _____  $___________

STATE OF WASHINGTON
CITY OF TACOMA

ELECTRIC SYSTEM REVENUE [AND REFUNDING] BONDS,
SERIES 2024[____]

INTEREST RATE: %  MATURITY DATE:  CUSIP NO.:
REGISTERED OWNER:  CEDE & CO.
PRINCIPAL AMOUNT:

The City of Tacoma (the “City”), a municipal corporation duly organized and existing under and pursuant to the Charter of the City and the Constitution and laws of the State of Washington (the “State”), hereby acknowledges itself to owe and for value received promises to pay to the registered owner identified above, or registered assigns, on the Maturity Date identified above, the Principal Amount indicated above and to pay interest from __________, 20__, or the most recent date to which interest has been paid or duly provided for, until payment of this bond at the Interest Rate set forth above, payable on __________, 20__, and semiannually thereafter on the first days of each succeeding _______ and _______. Both principal of and interest on this bond are payable in lawful money of the United States of America. For so long as the bonds of this issue are held in fully immobilized form, payments of principal and interest thereon shall be made as provided in accordance with the operational arrangements of The Depository Trust Company (“DTC”) referred to in the Blanket Issuer Letter of Representations (the “Letter of Representations”) from the City to DTC. Interest on this bond shall be calculated on the basis of actual days elapsed in a 360 day year consisting of twelve 30-day months.

This bond is one of an authorized issue of bonds of like series, date and tenor, except as to number, amount, rate of interest, date of maturity and rights of redemption, in the aggregate principal amount of $________ (the “Bonds”) pursuant to Ordinance No. 28146 of the City, passed on April 30, 2013, as amended and supplemented (the “Master Ordinance”), including as supplemented by Supplemental Ordinance No. _____ of the City, passed on
1 ____________, 2023 (the “Supplemental Ordinance,” and together with the
Master Ordinance, the “Bond Ordinance”). The Bonds are issued for the
purpose of financing and refinancing certain capital improvements of the electric
system (as defined in the Bond Ordinance, the “Electric System”), to redeem
certain Subordinate Bonds of the Electric System, [to defease and redeem
certain outstanding Parity Bonds], and to pay costs of issuance for the Bonds.
Capitalized terms not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings set
forth in the Bond Ordinance.

Payments on this bond shall be made solely from Revenues of the
Electric System, after payment of Operating Expenses, to the registered owner
by the Bond Registrar without the necessity of presentation and surrender of
this bond. Reference is made to the Bond Ordinance and the provisions of the
Charter of the City and all laws of the State (referred to as the “Act”) for a
description of the terms on which the Bonds are issued and may be issued, the
provisions with regard to the nature and extent of the Revenues, and the rights
of the registered owners of the Bonds; and all the terms of the Bond Ordinance
and the Act are hereby incorporated herein and made a contract between the
City and the registered owner from time to time of this bond, and to all the
provisions thereof to which the registered owner of this bond, by its acceptance
hereof, consents and agrees. The Bonds are being issued on a parity of lien on
Revenues of the Electric System with the City’s Outstanding Parity Bonds. The
City has reserved the right in the Bond Ordinance to issue additional bonds
(“Future Parity Bonds”) on a parity with the Bonds and the Outstanding Parity
Bonds. The Outstanding Parity Bonds, the Bonds and any Future Parity Bonds
are referred to herein as the “Parity Bonds.”

Under the Master Ordinance, the City is obligated to set aside and pay
into the Bond Fund and the accounts held therein out of the Revenue of the
Electric System, certain fixed amounts sufficient to pay the principal of and
interest and premium, if any, on all Parity Bonds as the same become due and
payable, all as is more fully provided in the Master Ordinance.

The Bonds are special limited obligations of the City payable from and
secured solely by Net Revenues of the Electric System and by other money and
assets specifically pledged under the Master Ordinance for the payment
thereof. Pursuant to the Master Ordinance, the City has pledged as security for
the payment of the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on the Parity
Bonds in accordance with the provisions of the Master Ordinance, subject only
to the provisions of the Master Ordinance restricting or permitting the
application thereof for the purposes and on the terms and conditions set forth in
the Master Ordinance: (i) the proceeds of the sale of the Parity Bonds to the
extent held in funds established by the Master Ordinance, (ii) Net Revenues, and
(iii) the money and investments, if any, credited to the Revenue Fund and the
Bond Fund, and the income therefrom.
THE BONDS ARE NOT GENERAL OBLIGATIONS OF THE CITY, OR
THE STATE, OR A CHARGE UPON ANY GENERAL FUND OR OTHER
PROPERTY OF THE CITY OR THE STATE NOT SPECIFICALLY PLEDGED
THERETO BY THE MASTER ORDINANCE, AND NEITHER THE FULL FAITH
AND CREDIT NOR THE TAXING POWER OF THE CITY OR OF THE STATE,
NOR ANY REVENUES OF THE CITY DERIVED FROM SOURCES OTHER
THAN THE ELECTRIC SYSTEM, ARE PLEDGED TO THE PAYMENT
HEREOF. NO HOLDER OF THIS BOND SHALL EVER HAVE THE RIGHT TO
COMPEL ANY EXERCISE OF THE TAXING POWER OF THE CITY TO PAY
THIS BOND OR THE INTEREST HEREON.

Copies of the Bond Ordinance are on file at the office of the City, and
reference thereto, and to any and all modifications and amendments thereof, is
hereby made for a more complete description of the Revenue available for the
payment of the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on the Bonds and the
rights and remedies of the registered owners of the Bonds with respect thereto,
the terms and conditions upon which the Bonds have been issued, and the
terms and conditions upon which this bond shall no longer be secured by the
Bond Ordinance or deemed to be outstanding thereunder if money or certain
specified securities sufficient for the payment of this bond shall have been set
aside in a special account and held in trust for the payment thereof.

In and by the Bond Ordinance, the City covenants to establish, maintain
and collect rates or charges for electric energy sold through the ownership or
operation of the Electric System and all other services, facilities and
commodities sold, furnished or supplied by the City in connection with the
ownership or operation of the Electric System that shall be fair and
nondiscriminatory and reasonably anticipated to provide Revenue sufficient for
the payment of the Parity Bonds, and any other indebtedness of the Electric
System, and all payments that the City is obligated to set aside in the Bond
Fund and for the proper operation and maintenance of the Electric System, all
necessary repairs thereto and replacements and renewals thereof and all other
costs of the Electric System.

This bond is subject to redemption prior to maturity as provided in the
Bond Resolution and Bond Purchase Contract.

This bond is transferable by the registered owner hereof, but only in the
manner and subject to the limitations provided in the Bond Ordinance. Upon
such transfer a new fully registered bond for the same aggregate principal
amount will be issued to the transferee.

It is hereby certified and recited that any and all acts, conditions and
things required to exist, to happen and to be performed, precedent to and in the
incurring of the indebtedness evidenced by this bond, and in the issuing of this
bond, do exist, have happened and have been performed in due time, form and
manner, as required by the Constitution and statutes of the State and the Charter of the City, and that this bond, together with all other indebtedness of the City pertaining to the Electric System, is within every debt limitation and other limit prescribed by the Constitution and statutes of the State and said Charter, and is not in excess of the amount of Bonds permitted to be issued under the Master Ordinance.

This bond shall not be entitled to any benefit under the Bond Ordinance, or become valid or obligatory for any purpose, until the certificate of authentication hereon endorsed shall have been signed by the Bond Registrar. This bond is a valid and binding obligation of City.

In the event of any inconsistency between the terms and provisions of the Bond Ordinance and this bond, the terms and provisions of the Bond Ordinance shall control.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the City of Tacoma, Washington, has caused this bond to be signed with the manual or facsimile signature of the Mayor and attested by the manual or facsimile signature of the City Clerk, and the seal of the City to be impressed or a facsimile thereof to be imprinted hereon, as of this _____ day of ____________, 2024.

[SEAL]

CITY OF TACOMA, WASHINGTON

By /s/ manual or facsimile
Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ manual or facsimile
City Clerk
The Bond Registrar’s Certificate of Authentication on the Bonds shall be in 
substantially the following form:

CERTIFICATE OF AUTHENTICATION

This bond is one of the bonds described in the within-mentioned Bond Ordinance 
and is one of the Electric System Revenue [and Refunding] Bonds, Series 
2024[___] of the City of Tacoma, Washington, dated _____________, 2024.

WASHINGTON STATE FISCAL AGENT, as 
Bond Registrar

By ________________________________
CLERK’S CERTIFICATE

I, the undersigned, City Clerk of the City of Tacoma, Washington, DO HEREBY CERTIFY:

1. That the attached is a true and correct copy of Supplemental Ordinance No. ___ (the “Ordinance”) of the City, duly passed at a regular meeting of the City Council (the “Council”) of the City held on ____________, 2023.

2. That said meeting was duly convened and held in all respects in accordance with law, and to the extent required by law, due and proper notice of such meeting was given; that a legal quorum was present throughout the meeting and a legally sufficient number of members of the Council voted in the proper manner for the passage of said Ordinance; that all other requirements and proceedings incident to the proper passage of said Ordinance have been fully fulfilled, carried out and otherwise observed; and that I am authorized to execute this certificate.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this ___ day of ____________, 2023.

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City Clerk
City of Tacoma, Washington
ORDINANCE NO. 28922

BY REQUEST OF COUNCIL MEMBERS DIAZ, HINES, AND RUMBAUGH

AN ORDINANCE amending Title 17 and Title 8 of the Municipal Code, relating to Animal Control and Public Safety, by amending Section 17.02.140, entitled “Public disturbance noise and public nuisance noise made by an animal”, and 8.12.060, entitled “Public disturbance noises”, to revise requirements for enforcement of an unlawful action and to remove the criminal misdemeanor charge for public disturbance and public nuisance noise made by an animal.

WHEREAS currently, Tacoma Municipal Code (“TMC”) Section 17.02.140 states that it is unlawful for “any animal which by its barking, howling, baying, squealing, crowing, crying, bleating, screeching, whining, or making any other noise, by its volume or frequency, unreasonably disturbs or interferes with the peace of any person(s), for more than 15 minutes in any one-hour period of any day, and is documented by three or more separate episodes of such noise in a sequential seven-day period,” meaning the animal noise complaint noted can be reported by one person, and

WHEREAS Animal Control and Compliance receives an average of 635 individual animal noise complaints per year and around 70 percent of these complaints are ultimately deemed invalid in part because a large number are driven by punitive and escalatory behavior among individual neighbors, rather than genuine unlawful animal noise concerns, and

WHEREAS to ensure a more effective use of Animal Control and Compliance resources, the proposed amendment would increase the number of
complainants from one person(s) to three or more persons, each residing at separate residences in the same community or neighborhood, and

WHEREAS currently, TMC Section 8.12.060 sets the penalty for public disturbance and public nuisance noise made by an animal at a criminal misdemeanor charge, and a criminal misdemeanor penalty can include up to ninety days in jail and is generally aimed at crimes that have a broader impact on the community, such as prostitution and some types of theft, and

WHEREAS the impacts of animal noise issues, especially in situations where the pet owner is unaware the noise is occurring, are not equivalent to these other types of criminal misdemeanor charges, making the criminal penalty an extreme step for managing animal noise issues, and

WHEREAS the proposed amendment to TMC Section 8.12.060 would remove the inclusion of animal noises as a misdemeanor and maintain only the civil penalty, which is not impacted by this ordinance and will continue to remain in place, and

WHEREAS furthermore, the proposed amendments would reduce the potential for an unfair criminal penalty being imposed disproportionally on communities of color related to animal noise\(^1\); Now, Therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF TACOMA:

\(^1\) Race and Washington’s Criminal Justice System: 2021 Report to the Washington Supreme Court (racism.org)
Section 1. That Title 17 of the Municipal Code ("TMC") is hereby amended, by amending Section 17.02.140, entitled "Public disturbance noise and public nuisance noise made by an animal", as set forth in Exhibit "A."

Section 2. That Title 8 of the TMC is hereby amended, by amending Section 8.12.060, entitled "Public disturbance noises", as set forth in Exhibit "B."

Passed ____________________

__________________________________________
Mayor

Attest:

__________________________________________
City Clerk

Approved as to form:

__________________________________________
Deputy City Attorney
EXHIBIT “A”

Chapter 17.02
ANIMAL CONTROL

Sections:
17.02.010   Animals at large on public grounds.
17.02.020   Animals at large on private property.
17.02.030   Stray dog, cat, or animal.
17.02.040   Confinement of female dogs and cats in heat.
17.02.41   Roosters prohibited.
17.02.050   Dogs off premises to be on leash.
17.02.060   Dogs chasing vehicles on public roads.
17.02.070   Confinement of an animal in a motor vehicle.
17.02.080   Dogs jumping and/or threatening pedestrians.
17.02.90   Animals injuring humans, domestic animals, or livestock – gross misdemeanor.
17.02.91   Rabies notification.
17.02.100   Directing dog to harass or attack – gross misdemeanor.
17.02.110   Directing dog to harass or attack public officer – gross misdemeanor – minimum mandatory.
17.02.120   Use of dog in illegal activity prohibited – gross misdemeanor.
17.02.130   Animals injuring private or public property – infraction or misdemeanor.
17.02.132   Removal of animal waste.
17.02.140   Public disturbance noise and public nuisance noise made by an animal.
17.02.150   Sale or transfer of animals in public places prohibited.
17.02.160   Violations – Civil infraction.

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17.02.140   Public disturbance noise and public nuisance noise made by an animal.
Any public disturbance noise made by an animal is unlawful and may be enforced under the provisions of TMC Sections 8.12.060 and 8.12.065 or as a civil infraction under this section.

A.  When animal noise is prosecuted as a crime, the terms of TMC 8.12.060 and 8.12.065 shall govern.
B.  When animal noise is treated as a civil infraction, the following is a violation:

1. A. Any animal which by its barking, howling, baying, squealing, crowing, crying, bleating, screeching, whining, or making any other noise, by its volume or frequency, unreasonably disturbs or interferes with the peace of any three or more persons, each residing at separate residences in the same community or neighborhood person(s) for more than 15 minutes in any one-hour period of any day, and is documented by three or more separate episodes of such noise in a sequential seven-day period. The burden is upon the owner of such animal(s) to maintain quiet.

2. B. Exceptions to this subsection are poultry kept in accordance with TMC 5.30.010, commercial pet facilities, animal welfare facilities, veterinary hospitals, or grooming parlors otherwise in compliance with the Tacoma Municipal Code, or those who can substantiate that such animal noise was caused by an

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injury or illness of the animal(s) or by willful trespass, torment, or abuse of the animal(s) on its property by others.

3. **C.** Enforcement may be undertaken only upon written receipt of a complaint made to either the animal control authority or law enforcement by three or more persons a person(s) residing at or who is employed in an area affected by such public noise disturbance as described in subsection 1. Any such animal(s) shall be deemed a nuisance and may be seized and impounded if the disturbance reoccurs after the owner or custodian of such animal(s) has received two written warnings, two notices of civil infraction, or a written warning and a notice of civil infraction from either the animal control authority or law enforcement within a calendar year.

4. **D.** Animal noise violations under this chapter are a Class 1 civil infraction.

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EXHIBIT “B”

CHAPTER 8.12
DISORDERLY CONDUCT

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8.12.060  Public disturbance noises.
A.  It is unlawful for any person to cause, or for any person in possession of property to allow
originating from the property, sound that is:
1.  an unreasonable noise, as defined in subsection 8.122.010(KK) TMC; or
2.  any sound that is plainly audible (as that term is defined in Chapter 8.122 TMC) within any dwelling
unit; or
3.  any sound produced by a sound reproduction device (as that term is defined in Section 8.122.010)
that is plainly audible (as that term is defined in Section 8.122.010 TMC) 50 feet from the source of the
sound; Provided, that this subsection c shall not apply to commercial music under TMC 8.122.100; or
B.  In addition to the provisions of Section 8.12.060(1), the following sounds are determined to be public
disturbance noises:
1.  The frequent, repetitive, or continuous sounding of any horn or siren attached to a motor
vehicle, except as a warning of danger or as specifically permitted or required by law;
2.  The creation of frequent, repetitive or continuous sounds in connection with the starting, operation,
repair, rebuilding or testing of any motor vehicle, motorcycle, off-highway vehicle or internal
combustion engine within a residential district, so as to disturb or interfere with the peace, comfort,
and repose of a reasonable person of normal sensibilities.
C.  Yelling, shouting, hooting, whistling or singing on or near the public streets, particularly between the
hours of 11:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m., or at any time and place so as to unreasonably disturb or interfere with
the peace, comfort, and repose of owners or possessors of real property;
D.  The creation of frequent, repetitive or continuous sounds which emanate from any building,
structure, apartment, or condominium, which unreasonably interfere with the peace, comfort, and repose
of owners or possessors of real property, such as sounds from audio equipment, musical instruments, band
sessions, or social gatherings;
E.  Sound from audio equipment, such as tape players, radios, and compact disc players, operated at a
volume so as to be audible greater than 50 feet from the source, and if not operated upon the property of
the operator.
The foregoing provisions shall not apply to regularly scheduled events at parks, such as public address
systems for baseball games or park concerts.
F.  Noise from an animal that unreasonably disturbs one or more person’s reasonable expectation of
peace and quiet.  Factors to be considered in making such a determination include, but are not limited to,
the nature, duration, volume, frequency, time, and location of the noise.

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ORDINANCE NO. 28923

BY REQUEST OF COUNCIL MEMBERS DIAZ, HINES, AND RUMBAUGH

AN ORDINANCE amending Title 17 of the Municipal Code, relating to Animal Control, by adding a new section 17.02.155, entitled “Cat Declawing”, to establish a ban on performing a procedure that results in the partial or complete declawing of a cat except when conducted by a licensed veterinarian for a therapeutic purpose, effective March 31, 2024.

WHEREAS feline onychectomy, more commonly referred to as cat declawing, is a serious medical procedure and major surgery where a cat’s third phalanges (toe bones) and claws are surgically removed; a cat’s claws grow from the bone, making the surgery to remove the claw similar to amputating a human finger at the last knuckle, and

WHEREAS declawing cats is occasionally medically necessary, such as in cases where the cat has a cancerous tumor or has injured its paw so severely that amputation is needed, however, cat owners in the City can currently elect to declaw a cat without a therapeutic reason to prevent the animal from scratching people, other animals, or household items, such as furniture, for the owner’s convenience, and

WHEREAS declawing for a non-therapeutic purpose is widely considered by prominent animal protection organizations and veterinary associations to be painful and traumatic for the cat, and the practice is seen as a form of animal cruelty and unnecessary mutilation, and

WHEREAS declawing can result in a range of medical problems including paw pain, back pain, infection, tissue necrosis (tissue death), and lameness, and
WHEREAS additionally, improperly removed claws can regrow, causing nerve damage and bone spurs, and removing a cat’s claws also changes the way a cat’s foot meets the ground and can cause additional pain when the animal walks, and

WHEREAS the American Association of Feline Practitioners strongly opposes declawing as an elective procedure, noting there are “inherent risks and complications with declawing that increase with age such as acute pain, infection, nerve trauma, as well as long term complications like lameness, behavioral problems, and chronic neuropathic pain,”¹ and the American Animal Hospital Association, the Humane Society for the United States, the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, and the Humane Society for Tacoma & Pierce County (“Humane Society”) all oppose non-therapeutic declawing,²³ and

WHEREAS declawing cats can negatively impact a cat’s personality and emotional well-being, leading many declawed cats to be abandoned by their owners, seen as unadoptable, or euthanized, and

WHEREAS scratching is a part of a cat's behavior and helps to remove dead husks from their nails, add their scent to their surroundings, and stretch, and when cats can no longer engage in this natural behavior, many become depressed and grow more aggressive, including increased biting, and if left outside, a declawed cat is largely defenseless against predators, and

¹ https://catvets.com/guidelines/position-statements/declawing
² https://www.aaha.org/about-aaha/aaha-position-statements/declawing/
WHEREAS the Humane Society has noted that they often experience owners surrendering their declawed cats to the shelter because of the behavioral changes that take place after declawing, and

WHEREAS innovative products are available that can be used as effective, safe, affordable, and humane alternatives, including for ill and immune-compromised cat owners, such as nail trimmers, scratching posts, cat nail covers, and specialized furniture covers/protectors; trainers and behaviorists can also help cat owners with behavior modification, if needed, and

WHEREAS the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (“CDC”) does not support declawing and notes that ill and immune-compromised individuals can live safely with their companion cats by avoiding rough play and trimming cats’ nails frequently to prevent scratches. Guidelines about living with HIV, jointly produced by the CDC, the National Institutes of Health, and the HIV Medicine Association of the Infectious Diseases Society of America, state “declawing is not advised.”  

WHEREAS declawing bans first emerged in the United States twenty years ago and since then more than a dozen cities across the nation and two states have adopted bans, with more currently considering legislation, and more than 40 countries worldwide have banned declawing, along with 10 provinces in Canada; in Washington, Tacoma as an opportunity to be the first in the state and lead on this issue; Now, Therefore,

4 https://pawproject.org/about-declawing/position-statement-on-declawing/
BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF TACOMA:

Section 1. That the City Council hereby adopts the Recitals of this Ordinance as its formal legislative findings.

Section 2. That Title 17 of the Tacoma Municipal Code is hereby amended by adding a new Chapter 17.02.155, entitled “Cat Declawing,” as set forth in the attached Exhibit “A,” and establishing a ban on performing a procedure that results in the partial or complete declawing of a cat except when conducted by a licensed veterinarian for a therapeutic purpose, to be effective March 31, 2024.

Section 3. That the City Clerk, in consultation with the City Attorney, is authorized to make necessary corrections to this ordinance, including, but not limited to, the correction of scrivener’s/clerical errors, references, ordinance numbering, section/subsection numbers, and any references thereto.

Passed __________________________

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Mayor

Attest:

______________________________
City Clerk

Approved as to form:

______________________________
Deputy City Attorney
EXHIBIT “A”

Chapter 17.02
ANIMAL CONTROL

Sections:
17.02.010 Animals at large on public grounds.
17.02.020 Animals at large on private property.
17.02.030 Stray dog, cat, or animal.
17.02.040 Confinement of female dogs and cats in heat.
17.02.041 Roosters prohibited.
17.02.050 Dogs off premises to be on leashes.
17.02.060 Dogs chasing vehicles on public roads.
17.02.070 Confinement of an animal in a motor vehicle.
17.02.080 Dogs jumping and/or threatening pedestrians.
17.02.090 Animals injuring humans, domestic animals, or livestock – gross misdemeanor.
17.02.091 Rabies notification.
17.02.100 Directing dog to harass or attack – gross misdemeanor.
17.02.110 Directing dog to harass or attack public officer – gross misdemeanor – minimum mandatory.
17.02.120 Use of dog in illegal activity prohibited – gross misdemeanor.
17.02.130 Animals injuring private or public property – infraction or misdemeanor.
17.02.132 Removal of animal waste.
17.02.140 Public disturbance noise and public nuisance noise made by an animal.
17.02.150 Sale or transfer of animals in public places prohibited.
17.02.155 Cat Declawing.
17.02.160 Violations – Civil infraction.

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17.02.155 Cat Declawing.

A. Except as provided in subsection B. of this section, it shall be unlawful for any person to perform a procedure that results in the partial or complete declawing (partial digital amputation) of a cat in the City of Tacoma.

B. Notwithstanding the restrictions set forth in subsection A. of this section, a person may perform a procedure to declaw a cat only if:
   1. The person performing the procedure is a licensed veterinarian; and
   2. The procedure has a therapeutic purpose.

C. As used in this section:
   1. “Declaw” means to surgically remove or alter the claw or claws of a cat by a surgical procedure such as onychectomy or tendonectomy, in order to prevent the normal functioning of a cat’s paws or toes. Tendonectomy is a surgical procedure where tendons to the cat’s toes are severed in order to prevent their normal function. Declawing does not include the trimming of a nonviable claw husk or placing nonpermanent nail caps.
   2. “Therapeutic purpose” means a medically necessary procedure to address an existing or recurring infection, disease, injury, or abnormal condition in the claws, nail bed, or toe bone, that jeopardizes the cat’s health. “Therapeutic purpose” does not include a procedure performed for a cosmetic or aesthetic purpose or to make the cat more convenient to keep or handle.
A person found to be in violation of this section shall be subject to a civil fine of up to $250, not including any statutory assessments.

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