RESOLUTION NO. 36713

BY REQUEST OF MAYOR BARSMA

WHEREAS the Tacoma Alliance Church has submitted an application for an Open-Space Current Use Assessment for an approximately eight-acre portion of its 13-acre property located along South Orchard Street, between South 23rd and South 25th Streets, and adjacent to the SR-16 corridor, specifically located at 2401 South Orchard Street, and

WHEREAS the proposed designation would not affect the City's planning or regulatory classifications for the property, but would limit the potential for development of the property within the next ten years, and would further reduce the amount of property tax collected for the site, and

WHEREAS state law provides for such classifications in cases where the preservation of such land as open space constitutes a benefit to the general public, and

WHEREAS the City's Comprehensive Plan indicates that the preservation of urban open spaces is an important goal, and provides specific guidance that preservation, through the Open-Space Current Use Assessment program, is encouraged, and

WHEREAS, on August 3, 2005, the Planning Commission, in accordance with Chapter 13.08 of the Tacoma Municipal Code, held a public hearing on this matter, and

WHEREAS, on October 5, 2005, after significant review, the Planning Commission recommended that the application be approved in order to
promote the goals of the Comprehensive Plan, and to provide for the
protection and preservation of this open space amenity, which provides
habitat and buffering and improves the aesthetic quality of the City and the
SR-16 corridor, and

WHEREAS, on October 25, 2005, the City Council conducted a public
hearing concerning the proposed Open-Space Current Use assessment, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to TMC Chapter 13.08, an application for an
Open-Space Current Use Assessment shall be acted upon by a granting
authority composed of three members of the Pierce County Council, and three
members of the City Council who shall be designated by the Mayor with the
approval of the majority of the Council; Now, Therefore,

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

That the application of the Tacoma Alliance Church for an Open-Space
Current Use Assessment for an approximate eight-acre portion of its 13-acre
property located along South Orchard Street, between South 23rd and
South 25th Streets, and adjacent to the SR-16 corridor, and specifically
located at 2401 South Orchard Street, is hereby recommended for approval
by the granting authority.
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Council Members Lonergan, Manthou, and Stenger are hereby appointed to serve as the three City of Tacoma Council representatives on the joint granting authority, along with three representatives of the Pierce County Council, for the purpose of making a final decision on this application.

Adopted **NOV 29 2005**

Mayor

Attest:

Doug Benn
City Clerk

Approved as to form and legality:

Assistant City Attorney