



RESOLUTION NO. 39427

1 A RESOLUTION adopting the 2016 Environmental Action Plan, which centralizes
2 existing City goals and policies, establishes prioritized strategies and actions
3 for improving environmental quality, and establishes five-year indicator
4 targets to assess progress annually.

4 WHEREAS, in October 2008, pursuant to Resolution No. 37631, the City
5 Council adopted the City's 2008 Climate Action Plan, establishing aggressive
6 greenhouse gas reduction goals and prioritized actions to reduce emissions, and
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8 WHEREAS Resolution No. 37631 also established the Office of
9 Sustainability and the Sustainable Tacoma Commission, and charged both to
10 establish five- and ten-year sustainability goals for City government and the
11 community, and to provide periodic updates and reports on the achievement of
12 those goals, and

13 WHEREAS, in April 2011, pursuant to Resolution No. 38247, the City
14 Council adopted a vision of sustainability defined as: (1) Tacoma will achieve
15 exceptional quality of life for every generation and will leave a legacy of
16 stewardship; and (2) Tacoma will achieve lasting and equitable prosperity; build a
17 safe, healthy, attractive, and vibrant community; and minimize negative impacts in
18 order to conserve the natural resources that sustain it, and
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20 WHEREAS the City has, over time, developed numerous environmental
21 policies and goals which are contained in a variety of sources, such as
22 Tacoma 2025, Shared Vision, Shared Future; Comprehensive Plan; Transportation
23 Master Plan; Climate Action Plan; Climate Risk Assessment; Tacoma Power
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1 Conservation Plan; Sustainable Material Management Plan; and a number of City
2 Council resolutions, and

3 WHEREAS specific, prioritized actions are needed to implement the City's
4 environmental policies and goals to improve environmental quality while also
5 benefiting public health, the local economy, and equitable access and opportunities,
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7 WHEREAS measurable targets and a process to report and monitor the
8 progress of these actions is needed to demonstrate the City's leadership, and

9 WHEREAS input was sought from an advisory committee, internal and
10 external stakeholders, the Sustainable Tacoma Commission, and the general
11 public, and

12 WHEREAS actions set forth in the plan are divided into six categories:
13 (1) Buildings and Energy, (2) Transportation, (3) Materials Management, (4) Natural
14 Systems, (5) Air and Local Food, and (6) Climate Resilience, and

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17 WHEREAS each of the six actions are further divided into two sections
18 according to the scope of the action: (1) those actions the City will take to improve
19 its own operations, the "City Leading By Example" actions; and (2) farther reaching
20 actions that affect general life in the City, the "Serving Our Community" actions;

21 Now Therefore,

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

24 Section 1. That the City Council does hereby approve the five-year
25 Environmental Action Plan ("Plan") to guide action and investments and monitor
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progress toward reaching identified targets, said Plan to be substantially in the form of the document on file in the office of the City Clerk.

Section 2. That annual Plan progress reports shall be produced and presented to the City Council and the public.

Section 3. That updates may be made to the Plan as new information becomes available and progress is made on identified goals.

Adopted _____

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk

Approved as to form:

Chief Deputy City Attorney