



Legislation Passed September 29, 2020

The Tacoma City Council, at its regular City Council meeting of September 29, 2020, 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. 40657

A resolution accepting a grant, in the amount of \$1,287,000, from the U.S. Economic Development Administration Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act supplemental fund, for the City's existing Revolving Loan Fund to address impacts of COVID-19 on small businesses.
[Carol Wolfe, Division Manager; Jeff Robinson, Director, Community and Economic Development]

Resolution No. 40658

A resolution supporting responsible drone ownership through safe operation, and directing the City Manager to develop an education strategy to help connect residents to information on drone regulation and policies in Tacoma.
[Council Members Hines and Hunter]



RESOLUTION NO. 40657

1 A RESOLUTION relating to Economic Development; accepting a grant, in the
2 amount of \$1,287,000, from the U.S. Economic Development Administration
3 Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act supplemental fund, for
4 the City's existing Revolving Loan Fund to address impacts of COVID-19 on
5 small businesses.

6 WHEREAS on March 27, 2020, the United States Congress passed the
7 Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act ("CARES Act") in response to
8 the outbreak of the novel coronavirus disease 2019 ("COVID-19"), and its resulting
9 impact on the economy and public health across the nation, and

10 WHEREAS in May of 2020, City staff were contacted regarding the
11 Economic Development Administration Supplemental Revolving Loan Fund
12 ("RLF") funds that would be made available to assist existing RLF jurisdictions in
13 addressing COVID-19 impacts to the business community, and

14 WHEREAS the RLF funds must be disbursed within a 24-month period, and
15 jurisdictions will be able to keep loan re-payments as part of their overall RLF fund
16 program for future uses, which will not need to be tied to COVID-19 impacts, and
17 the administration of these funds will be performed by the Tacoma Community
18 Redevelopment Authority, and

19 WHEREAS Community and Economic Development ("CED") staff surveyed
20 applicants from the first round of COVID-19 RLF funds, including those who
21 inquired about the loans or applied for the loans, regardless of whether they
22 received funding or not, and

23 WHEREAS the survey information, along with review of a survey conducted
24 by the Pierce County Economic Development Department, input from the Minority
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1 Business Development Agency office, and regular participation in the Pierce
2 County Economic Development Board weekly online discussions concerning the
3 impacts of COVID-19 on the business community, have all informed CED staff in
4 the preparation of the next round of RLF funding, and
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6 WHEREAS using the non-competitive \$1,287,000 in CARES Act RLF
7 supplemental funds, CED staff will deploy small loans of up to \$25,000 to Tacoma
8 businesses beginning in late-September to early-October, with \$1,170,000 being
9 distributed as micro-loans, and \$117,000 allocated toward administration and
10 management of the program, and
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12 WHEREAS portions of the administrative funds will be used to contract with
13 “Community Navigators” that have a track record of assisting underrepresented
14 businesses in accessing resources during the COVID-19 pandemic, and to build
15 business capacity and provide technical assistance, and
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17 WHEREAS the “Community Navigators” will work with CED staff to increase
18 awareness of the loan funds to underrepresented businesses, assist those
19 businesses in overcoming systemic and other barriers to applying, and direct
20 businesses to technical assistance services to address broader issues in their
21 ability to access capital in order to sustain or grow their business; Now, Therefore,
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BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TACOMA:

That the proper officers of the City are hereby authorized to accept a grant, in the amount of \$1,287,000, from the U.S. Economic Development Administration Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act supplemental fund, for the City's existing Revolving Loan Fund to address impacts of COVID-19 on small businesses.

Adopted _____

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk

Approved as to form:

Deputy City Attorney



RESOLUTION NO. 40658

1 BY REQUEST OF COUNCIL MEMBERS HINES AND HUNTER

2 A RESOLUTION supporting responsible drone ownership through safe operation,
3 and directing the City Manager to develop an education strategy to help
4 connect residents to information on drone regulation and policies in
Tacoma.

5 WHEREAS drones, or more formally, Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (“UAV”), or
6 when they are under 55 pounds, Unmanned Aircraft Systems (“UAS”), have many
7 regulations to ensure safe operation and ownership, and

8 WHEREAS regulation of UAVs falls under the authority of the Federal
9 Aviation Administration (“FAA”), which regulates U.S. airspace and prohibits states
10 and localities from regulating drones, in most cases, and

11 WHEREAS the FAA has recently adopted rules that require the registration
12 of drones, restrict their size, and limit how high and fast they can fly, and make it
13 easier to become a commercial drone operator, and

14 WHEREAS, on October 1, 2019, the City Council passed Amended
15 Ordinance No. 28615, updating the Park Code to add drones, “sky lanterns,”
16 unmanned aircraft systems, and motorized models as prohibited equipment use in
17 parks, except as specifically authorized by permit or the Metro Parks Director, and

18 WHEREAS methods of getting authorization to fly in parks and general
19 understanding of FAA rules is lacking, and a resource to help educate and inform
20 drone owners and residents of the FAA rules would be beneficial, and

21 WHEREAS the basic regulations that drone owners should be aware of, and
22 the City can help to educate residents about, are as follows:
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1. Register your drone, mark it on the outside with the registration number and carry proof of registration with you;
2. Fly only for recreational purposes;
3. Fly your drone at or below 400 feet above the ground when in uncontrolled (Class G) airspace;
4. Obtain authorization before flying in controlled airspace (Class B, C, D, and E);
5. Keep your drone within your visual line-of-sight, or within the visual line-of-sight of a visual observer who is co-located (physically next to) and in direct communication with you;
6. Do not fly at night unless your drone has lighting that allows you to know its location and orientation at all times;
7. Give way to and do not interfere with manned aircraft;
8. Never fly over any person or moving vehicle;
9. Never interfere with emergency response activities such as disaster relief, any type of accident response, law enforcement activities, firefighting, or hurricane recovery efforts;
10. Never fly under the influence of drugs or alcohol. Many over-the-counter medications have side effects that could impact your ability to safely operate your drone; and
11. Do not operate your drone in a careless or reckless manner, and

WHEREAS developing an educational campaign and establishing a website or similar resource to provide information and links from the FAA website locally can help businesses that sell drones to be aware of the regulations, so they can inform their customers, and

WHEREAS this educational campaign comes from hearing from residents who have witnessed unsafe usage of drones, and from residents who have drones but were surprised to learn of the many regulations of drone usage, even recreationally, and



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WHEREAS all residents will potentially be affected by this policy, but it is directed at those who regularly use drones for photos or business purposes or recreationally, such as families or younger residents flying for fun; Now, Therefore,

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

That the City Council supports responsible drone ownership through safe operation, and hereby directs the City Manager to develop an education strategy to help connect residents to information on drone regulation and policies in Tacoma.

Adopted _____

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk

Approved as to form:

City Attorney