



**SUBSTITUTE  
RESOLUTION NO. 35012**

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BY REQUEST OF COUNCIL MEMBERS CROWLEY, MILLER, AND MOSS

WHEREAS the unusually low precipitation this past summer and fall has resulted in lower than normal hydroelectric power generation, and this shortage of electric power is further exacerbated during cold weather periods due to increased power consumption, and

WHEREAS Tacoma Power's generation capacity is adversely affected by the levels of water in its reservoirs, and

WHEREAS the wholesale market for electricity has been and continues to be volatile with prices extremely high, and

WHEREAS the City Council urges all health care facilities, businesses, governmental agencies, including, but not limited to, schools, military bases, the Port of Tacoma, and the Metropolitan Park District, and residents of the City of Tacoma, as well as the rest of Tacoma Power's service territory, to undertake voluntary power conservation measures; Now, Therefore,

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

That the City Council recognizes that a regional power shortage exists, and calls upon all health care facilities, businesses, governmental agencies, including schools, military bases, and the and residents in the City of Tacoma, as well as the rest of the Tacoma Power service territory, to conserve power and take every feasible action to meet a minimum 20 percent community conservation goal.



1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all health care facilities, businesses, and  
2 governmental agencies are strongly urged that all decorative and seasonal lighting  
3 be limited in scope and be illuminated only briefly, if at all, after 8:00 p.m.

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all health care facilities, businesses,  
5 governmental agencies, and residents are urged to limit all indoor and exterior  
6 lighting, especially after normal business hours, to those needed for conducting  
7 business and assuring the safety of the public.

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9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, to minimize energy use, all health care  
10 facilities, businesses, governmental agencies, and residents are urged to turn  
11 water heaters down to 120 degrees, if possible, reduce thermostat settings to  
12 68 degrees Fahrenheit during business hours, lower thermostat settings, when  
13 unoccupied, and turn off lights, appliances, and computers when not in use.

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15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that residents are encouraged to take shorter  
16 showers, set thermostat settings at 68 degrees Fahrenheit when home and  
17 55 degrees Fahrenheit when not at home or when sleeping; run only full  
18 dishwasher loads (and turn off the electric dry feature) and cold water loads of  
19 laundry; use microwave ovens instead of electric stoves; and turn off hot tubs and  
20 electronic equipment when not in use.

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22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Manager is directed to curtail  
23 power use by all City departments and employees, and, specifically, consistent  
24 with the public health and safety, reduce street lighting; turn off seasonal lighting  
25 on buildings; and turn off all other indoor and outdoor seasonal lighting displays.  
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council requests the Public Utility Board to instruct the Director of Public Utilities to require energy conservation plans from health care facilities, the Port of Tacoma, military bases, and other major business and industrial customers.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council calls upon the Public Utility Board to accelerate the use of budgeted conservation funds of Tacoma Public Utilities to facilitate customer participation in the conservation effort.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council will evaluate the success of voluntary conservation measures, weather conditions, and assess the necessity of imposing mandatory conservation measures.

Adopted DEC 19 2000

*[Handwritten Signature]*  
Mayor

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Attest: City Clerk

Approved as to form and legality:

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City Attorney