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[\(Council Minutes 98/09/21\)](#)

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A RESOLUTION of the City Council of the City of Lakewood, Washington, approving the nomination of selected areas in the City as a federal Empowerment Zone and supporting submission of an application and strategic plan to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for such designation

WHEREAS, the City of Tacoma, Washington, was awarded Enterprise Community Status in specific census tracts by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development in 1995; and,

WHEREAS, the Enterprise Community Status has provided significant incentives to the City of Tacoma in developing business in the designated areas; and,

WHEREAS, there is an opportunity for the City of Lakewood to join with the City of Tacoma in applying for Empowerment Zone/Enterprise Community (EZ/EC) Round II Funding for \$100 Million Dollars in federal economic development funds over a 10 year period; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Tacoma and the Tacoma Empowerment Consortium has offered to enter into a partnership with the City of Lakewood in Pierce County and the Puyallup Tribe to expand the Enterprise Community area; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Lakewood has two census tracts with a poverty level over 25%, making them eligible to be included in a proposed Empowerment Zone; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Lakewood has approximately 500 acres of developable land outside the two census tracts which could also be included in the proposed Empowerment Zone; and,

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the City of Lakewood to participate with the City of Tacoma in nominating selected areas of the City to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development as an Empowerment Zone.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD, WASHINGTON HEREBY RESOLVES, as Follows:

Section 1. That the nomination of selected areas of the City of Lakewood as a federal Empowerment Zone is approved, and the submission of the application, together with a strategic plan developed by the Tacoma Empowerment Consortium, to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for designation as a federal Empowerment Zone is supported and endorsed.

Section 2. That this Resolution shall be in full force and effect upon passage and signatures hereon.

PASSED by the City Council this 21st day of September, 1998.

CITY OF LAKEWOOD

Bill Harrison, Mayor

Attest:

Alice M. Bush, CMC, City Clerk

Approved as to Form:

Daniel B. Heid, City Attorney

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