

RESOLUTION NO. 1054

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF UNIVERSITY PLACE
REGARDING VEHICLE LICENSE FEES**

WHEREAS, the City of University Place established, via Ordinance 634 (December 2, 2013) a University Place Transportation Benefit District (the "District"); and

WHEREAS, State law authorizes a transportation benefit district to implement, by majority vote of the District's governing board, a vehicle license fee with certain maximum values depending on the length of time a fee has been in effect at lesser levels and whether the fee is approved by the Council or voters; and

WHEREAS, on November 16, 2015, the City of University Place adopted Ordinance 660, wherein the City of University Place assumed all rights, powers, functions and obligations previously exercised and/or performed by the District; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds it to be in the best interest of the residents of the City to amend the annual vehicle license fee for the for the purpose of acquiring, constructing, improving, providing, and funding transportation improvements, including the operation, preservation, and maintenance of these facilities or programs, that are consistent with any existing state, regional, or local transportation plans and necessitated by existing or reasonably foreseeable congestion levels; and

WHEREAS, RCW 36.73.065(4)(a)(ii) authorizes the City to impose by a majority vote a fee of up to forty dollars (\$40.00), provided the City has previously imposed a vehicle fee exceeding twenty dollars (\$20.00) for at least 24 months, and the City has had such a fee exceeding \$20.00 for at least 24 months; and

WHEREAS, the City Council believes that increasing the City's annual vehicle license fee on an incremental basis, with an increase to twenty dollars (\$20.00) in May 2025, to thirty dollars (\$30.00) in January 2027, and to forty dollars (\$40.00) in January 2029, is in the best interests of the City.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE UNIVERSITY PLACE, WASHINGTON, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Fee. An annual vehicle fee is hereby established in the following amounts, to be collected by the Washington Department of Licensing on qualifying vehicles as set forth in State law, shall take effect for vehicle license renewals due on or after the dates below, or such later date as the Washington Department of Licensing is reasonably able to incorporate collection of fees:

<u>Date of Implementation</u>	<u>Fee</u>
May 1, 2025	\$20.00
January 1, 2027	\$30.00
January 1, 2029	\$40.00

Section 2. Effective Date of Fees. The vehicle license fee set forth in Section 1 shall not be collected sooner than six months after approval as provided in State law.

Section 3. Expenditures. The revenues received from the vehicle license fee shall only be expended on transportation projects and activities authorized by the City Council, with a primary emphasis on pavement maintenance on residential streets, secondary collectors and non-grant funded projects.

Section 4. Execution of Documents. The proper officials are authorized to execute any and all appropriate documents to effectuate this Resolution on behalf of the City of University Place.

Section 5. Savings Clause. The existing license fee, together with any of the incremental adjustments to the licensing fees set forth in Section 1, shall remain in full force and effect until the effective dates set forth in Section 1.

ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL ON OCTOBER 7, 2024.

Javier H. Figueroa, Mayor

ATTEST:

Emelita J. Genetia, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Matthew S. Kaser, City Attorney