



June 24, 2009

CITY COUNCIL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING **Second Hearing – Modified Proposal**

Downtown Parking Requirements for New Development

Tuesday July 14, 2009 at approximately 5:30 pm

City Council Chambers Tacoma Municipal Building, 747 Market Street, 1st Floor

What is Being Considered?

The City Council is considering potential changes to the downtown parking regulations that would eliminate most City parking requirements for new buildings in the portion of downtown known as the International Financial Services Area (IFSA). This would not prevent developers from providing parking. The Original Proposal, subject of an April 14, 2009 City Council Public Hearing, was to eliminate the City's existing minimum and maximum off-street parking requirements. The Modified Proposal, the subject of this July 14 Public Hearing, adds a new requirement in addition to compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA); the ADA requires between 2-4% of any **parking actually provided** to be accessible for people with disabilities. The Modified Proposal would require new buildings in the IFSA to provide, as a minimum, accessible parking spaces calculated on the number of parking stalls that are currently required under City code.

What is the Purpose of the Public Hearing?

The City Council is seeking public comment on these potential changes. You received this notice because you are a taxpayer with property within the IFSA or within 400 feet of the IFSA, you are a business owner within the IFSA, or you are part of a group that has been identified as an interested party. *Please note, the proposed changes will affect how properties within these areas develop in the future.*

What is the International Financial Services Area?

The International Financial Services Area (IFSA) is an area within the downtown core that was designated by the City Council to be a focus for the expansion, retention and recruitment of international financial service businesses, as well as professional and support services, retail and restaurants. The boundary of the IFSA is shown on the included map.

Where can I get Additional Information?

Additional information, including the complete text of the proposed revisions (Original and Modified Proposals), staff reports, and environmental determination, is available from the Community and Economic Development Department (Ian Munce 253-573-2478), and on the Planning Division website: www.cityoftacoma.org/planning (then click on "Downtown Code Update")

How do I provide comments to the City Council?

All persons will have an opportunity to present their oral comments at the City Council meeting. Those wishing to submit written comments may do so at the public hearing or by submitting them to the City Clerk's Office at 747 Market Street, Room 220, Tacoma, WA 98402, by **4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 14, 2009.**

