



Planning and Development Services

Peter Huffman, Director

Planning Services

Who We Are

Planning Services conducts the City's long range planning processes, working with the City Council, Planning Commission, and community interest groups to craft the City's policies and development regulations pertaining to urban form, transportation, housing, the environment, parks and recreation, and many other topics. Planning staff also represent the City's interests to other State, Regional and County level planning agencies.

Information and Data

- Population and Employment Targets
- Demographic and Census Data
- Geographic Information Systems
- Buildable Lands and Permit Trends
- Best Available Science

Key Documents

- One Tacoma Plan
- Subarea Plans
- Land Use Regulatory Code
- Design Guidelines

Citizen Advisory Commissions

- Planning Commission: The Planning Commission reviews and recommends amendments to the One Tacoma Plan and the Land Use Regulatory Code.
- Transportation Commission: The Transportation Commission provides guidance on short and long term transportation planning and projects.

Development Services

Who We Are

Development Services conducts all phases of the development review process, including permit intake and coordination, land use and building review, infrastructure and utility improvement requirements associated with development, as well as inspections. Development Services is comprised of three individual staff divisions.

Information and Data

- Environmental Review
 - Traffic Impact Analysis
 - Asarco Soil Sampling
 - Views/Aesthetics
 - Air and water quality
 - Noise
 - Cultural Resources Assessment
- Critical Areas Reports

Key Documents

- Land Use Regulatory Code
- Stormwater Management Manual
- Right-of-way Design Manual
- International Building Code

Citizen Advisory Commissions

- Board of Building Appeals: The Board of Building Appeals was established as a quasi-judicial board that reviews and approves the updating of the City's Building, Mechanical, Plumbing, Fire, Dangerous Building, Minimum Housing, Boiler and Energy Codes.

Historic Preservation Program

Who We Are

The Historic Preservation Office provides support to the Landmarks Preservation Commission in reviewing landmark nominations, conducting design review, and the review and approval of financial incentives for historic properties; assists the public and other agencies with preservation issues; and develops programming and events to demonstrate and celebrate Tacoma's unique history and culture.

Information and Data

- Tacoma Register of Historic Places Database
- Tacoma Historic Buildings Inventory
- Historic surveys, landmark nominations

Key Documents

- One Tacoma Plan
- Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties
- National Park Service's Preservation Briefs
- Historic District Design Guidelines for Individual Historic and Conservation Districts
- Tacoma Municipal Code 13.06 and 13.07

Citizen Advisory Commissions

- Landmarks Commission: The Commission oversees the establishment and regulation of landmarks, local historic districts, proposed name changes for public facilities, and certain property tax incentives.



Planning and Development Services

Peter Huffman, Director

Planning & Development Services
Organizational Structure – December 2016
Subject to change

