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Sent: Tuesday, May 11, 2021 4:19 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Tacoma Deserves A Low Carbon Tideflats

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Sent: Tuesday, May 11, 2021 4:59 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Cc: Bruce Kendall; FRANK BOYKIN
Subject: ATTACHED: Non-interim regulations - Maddie Merton, Comments
Attachments: EDB Non interim regulations, Maddie Merton Comments.pdf

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Good afternoon,

Please see attached for my comments for Tuesday, May 11th Public Meeting regarding Tideflats Non-interim regulations.

Thank you,

MADDIE MERTON

Vice President, Business Retention & Expansion



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May 11, 2021

Tacoma City Council Members
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Mayor and Tacoma City Council Members:

I have always believed stewardship of our environment and sound economic policy are not mutually exclusive. We all want to protect our environment and ensure we leave a better community for the next generation. The decisions the Tacoma City Council is scheduled to make for the Tideflats will impact Tacoma-Pierce County's viability as a competitive, metropolitan, and welcoming city.

I urge you to not take our jobs for granted and assume the economy will continue to expand and that new jobs will come to our region. I would like for the council to remember the impacts of job loss and net economic decline that we are currently facing with this pandemic.

Please consider policies that are fair to all and let the subarea process do what it is designed to do – engage a variety of stakeholders who deserve a seat and a voice at the table.

I do not support the Tideflats Non-Interim Regulations as it is currently written. The regulations are poorly drafted and are being rushed through. For example, the proposed regulations' heavy reliance on Conditional Use Permitting (CUP) creates massive uncertainty for any business considering investment. On behalf of the EDB, I urge you to slow down, be deliberate and avoid unintended consequences. Please take the time necessary to get proper input from all community members who will be impacted by these regulations for decades to come.

Sincerely,

Maddie Merton
VP, Business Retention & Expansion

From: Frank Boykin, Jr. <frankb@tacomachamber.org>
Sent: Tuesday, May 11, 2021 5:01 PM
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Cc: Bruce Kendall
Subject: RE: ATTACHED: Non-interim regulations - Maddie Merton, Comments

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Thank you Maddie!

Your support is super-great.

Kind regards,

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Thank you,

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From: Carol Mangan Kindt <carolkindt@msn.com>
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Subject: Fwd: Sissy City Council 5/11/2021
Attachments: 2021.docx

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From: Carol Mangan Kindt <Carolkindt@msn.com>
Date: May 11, 2021 at 1:19:48 PM PDT
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Subject: Sissy City Council 5/11/2021

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This is Quan Wah, also known as Sissy. You are all familiar with her grandmother Ramona Bennett. This is her youngest grandchild. She will be a year old a week from today. Ramona also had great grandchildren and great great grandchildren. She was one of the heroes of the Fishing Wars. Sissy is the face of the future. There are tribes who have prophesied about the 7th generations. Sissy's ancestors were murdered and put on the railroad tracks for their allotments along the tide flats. There will be no allotments, no tide flats, no salmon and no water if this generation does not change course immediately

Workers testify about living wage jobs that would be lost to stricter regulations. There will be no jobs at all if the water and air continue to be poisoned by the fossil fuels industry. When you look into the eyes of this child, also look into the eyes of your own children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. They are also the future but they won't have one without you.

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Don't wait until August!

Thank you,

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From: Krista Mann <krista.mann@eneusenergy.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 11, 2021 4:10 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Cc: Atkinson, Stephen; Catsi, Michael; Norris, Clay
Subject: Letter to Tacoma City Council
Attachments: Letter to Tacoma City Council 20210511.pdf

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Good afternoon. Please see the attached brief comments for presentation to the Tacoma City Council this evening as part of its discussion on proposed zoning regulation changes.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

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11 May, 2021

Tacoma City Council
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 Tacoma, WA 98402

RE: Proposed zoning regulation changes

Dear City Council,

These remarks are respectfully submitted to you as you consider amendments to existing zoning regulations that would affect certain industrial areas in Tacoma.

Eneus Energy is a renewable fuels development company, focusing on “green” (renewable) ammonia and green hydrogen. As you are very aware, in recent months, Tacoma Power has adopted the first electrofuels (aka renewable fuels) electric rate structure in the United States. We applaud the leadership of Tacoma Power and the City of Tacoma in this space and your recognition of the important role that renewable fuels can play in decarbonizing the global economy.

As you know, renewable fuels link electricity with other sectors of the economy that are in many cases difficult to decarbonize, often because they are difficult to electrify. A primary renewable fuel that shows considerable promise is green hydrogen. However, green hydrogen is difficult and expensive to move and store. As a derivative of green hydrogen, green ammonia is seen as an attractive and cost-effective carrier for hydrogen when it must be moved from its production site or stored for a lengthy period. Green ammonia has also emerged as a fuel in its own right, offering solutions to even more sectors of the economy. Between the two, they can be used in maritime shipping, power generation, steel refining, oil refining, cement making, mobility, and others. The finished product of green ammonia is also molecularly identical to conventionally-produced anhydrous ammonia, which is commonly used as a fertilizer today. However, there are important differences in how green ammonia and conventional ammonia are produced. Both products require hydrogen as an input. Green ammonia plants derive their hydrogen from electrolysis, powered by renewable electricity. The feedstocks are simply electricity and water. By contrast, conventional ammonia plants derive their hydrogen from steam methane reforming, by which hydrogen is removed from natural gas. Accordingly, conventional ammonia production can be a very emissions-intensive process that utilizes a large volume of fossil fuels.

We have briefly reviewed with interest the City’s proposed zoning regulation amendments that would create “Renewable Fuels” as a new land use category. We have also observed that there would be a new “Chemical Manufacturing” land use category. We are aware that there are elements of a green ammonia production facility that could be described by either category. While green



ammonia can indeed be used as a fertilizer (which is referenced in the current version of the Chemical Manufacturing definition), and the fertilizer industry is one possible customer for a green ammonia plant, we generally think of green ammonia as a fuel and very much in keeping with the spirit and intent of the Renewable Fuels definition. In particular, green ammonia would be "...synthesized from renewable energy sources, such as wind and solar...", and there would be no "...products produced from palm oil or other feedstocks that cannot be proven to reduce greenhouse gas emissions...". Because of the potential for different interpretations in the proposed language, we respectfully request that language be added to ensure that a green ammonia production facility would be considered a Renewable Fuel Facility, instead of a Chemical Manufacturing facility.

Thank you very much for your consideration of this minor revision to the proposed regulation amendments, which we believe is consistent with the spirit of the currently proposed language, and which we believe would give Tacoma Power and the City of Tacoma the ability to continue in its leadership in the global Energy Transition to decarbonization. We will be glad to speak about this matter further with yourselves or with City staff, as you may request.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "KJ Mann", is positioned above the printed name.

Krista J. Mann
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Eneus Energy

From: Sharon Sheldon <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Tuesday, May 11, 2021 3:08 PM
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From: Hans Breivik <hansb@quiggbros.com>
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To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Support Jobs in Tacoma

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Sincerely,

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Dear City Clerk City Council,

I have a well paying job with out a college degree. The opportunity I was giving by U.S oil has changed my life. Im a home owner and have a little extra to give my kids a better life. These poorly written regulations could hurt businesses and jobs for people like me. Please slow down your decisions could have real life consequence fir ordinary people trying to get ahead.

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From: Jim Mayer <jim@mountainconst.com>
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Dear City Clerk City Council,

Tacoma has a fantastic economic resource in the Port of Tacoma. Excessive regulation and regulatory uncertainty will push investment to other areas and the Port will fail to be the strong engine of economic development, family wage jobs, and tax revenue that it has the potential to be. A strong Port leads to a strong Tacoma - economically, environmentally, and a force for good for all social groups that call Tacoma home.

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From: Linda Fortune <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Tuesday, May 11, 2021 12:11 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
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Dear Mayor Woodards and City Council,

I feel deeply that it is really the time to walk the walk of cleaning up the toxic damage in our city's environment and prevent further damage to occur. Little did I realize back in 1967 that Tacoma was the worst of all places in Washington to come and work as an elementary school counselor because of all the heavy metals that filled the air from the smelter and from the Port. Little did I know that these heavy metals were silently feeding the Epstein Barr Virus that was to run havoc in my body. And, I know from experience, the damage they silently caused me and I know thousands of other residents suffering from other health issues. It takes courage and honesty to do the right thing. May you have both as you look at the decisions you have to make.

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Thank you,
Linda Fortune

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Dear Mayor Woodards and City Council,

For many years now our family and neighbors have watched as the fossil fuel companies in the tideflats have slowly and under the radar, grown and released pollution and toxic odors, across Commencement Bay and surrounding areas.

The Interim Regulations were super helpful in stopping new companies from setting up to pollute in the same ways, but somehow these already established companies are growing their operations seemingly unwatched and unhindered.

Now is the time. The people of Tacoma depend on you to pass the Planning Commission's Non-Interim Regulations to ensure we can pave a way into the fossil free future and be able to breathe clean air and improve the local environment.

Don't let corporations use us as a focal point in the global fossil fuel chain.

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Thank you,
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From: Fosbre, Bill (Legal)
Sent: Tuesday, May 11, 2021 10:07 AM
To: Sorum, Doris; Jenkins, Jessica
Subject: FW: Tideflats & Industrial Land Use Regulations - text of oral remarks for Heiberg family
Attachments: 2021 0427 Heiberg Oral Comment Text.pdf

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For the public comment record.

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From: Nowman, Nicole <nicole.nowman@cityoftacoma.org>
Sent: Tuesday, May 11, 2021 9:53 AM
To: Fosbre, Bill (Legal) <bill.fosbre@cityoftacoma.org>
Subject: FW: Tideflats & Industrial Land Use Regulations - text of oral remarks for Heiberg family

Hi Bill,

Sending this your way since this came from a law office – I wasn't sure if there is anything on your radar about this property I should share with Mayor? Thank you!

Best,
Nicole Nowman | City Manager's Office
(253) 279-2824 Cell

From: Brian D. Amsbary <brian@rodaboughlaw.com>
Sent: Monday, May 10, 2021 3:58 PM
To: Woodards, Victoria <victoria.woodards@cityoftacoma.org>; Hines, John <John.Hines@cityoftacoma.org>; Thoms, Robert <robert.thoms@cityoftacoma.org>; Blocker, Keith <Keith.Blocker@cityoftacoma.org>; Ushka, Catherine <cushka@cityoftacoma.org>; Beale, Chris <chris.beale@cityoftacoma.org>; Hunter, Lillian <lillian.hunter@cityoftacoma.org>; McCarthy, Conor <Conor.McCarthy@cityoftacoma.org>; Walker, Kristina <Kristina.Walker@cityoftacoma.org>
Cc: Samuel A. Rodabough <sam@rodaboughlaw.com>
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Date: May 10, 2021 at 3:58:04 PM PDT

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From: Tim Attebery <tattebery@agcwa.com>
Sent: Monday, May 10, 2021 8:03 PM
To: Walker, Kristina; City Clerk's Office
Subject: Tideflats Jobs

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Mayor and Council,

Thank you for listening to the concerns of those who support Tideflats jobs and future business investment. This week's discussion during the Tideflats non-interim regulations study session was encouraging. Please remain focused on taking the time necessary to fix the non-interim regulations and protecting Tacoma's economic future. If you need to pass one more 6-month interim regs that should give you more than enough time to focus on the getting the non-interim regulations right.

Tim Attebery, Southern District Manager

Associated General Contractors of Washington

From: Steve Williams <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Monday, May 10, 2021 6:34 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Tacoma Deserves A Low Carbon Tideflats

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Tacoma City ,

Dear Mayor Woodards and City Council,

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Thank you,

Steve Williams
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From: Planning
Sent: Monday, May 10, 2021 10:19 AM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: FW: Tacoma Tideflats & Port Area Non-Interim Regulations, and Respect for Puyallup Tribal Government Representatives

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To: Woodards, Victoria <victoria.woodards@cityoftacoma.org>; Hines, John <John.Hines@cityoftacoma.org>; Hunter, Lillian <lillian.hunter@cityoftacoma.org>; Thoms, Robert <robert.thoms@cityoftacoma.org>; Blocker, Keith <Keith.Blocker@cityoftacoma.org>; Ushka, Catherine <cushka@cityoftacoma.org>; Beale, Chris <chris.beale@cityoftacoma.org>; McCarthy, Conor <Conor.McCarthy@cityoftacoma.org>; Walker, Kristina <Kristina.Walker@cityoftacoma.org>
Cc: Planning <planning@cityoftacoma.org>
Subject: Tacoma Tideflats & Port Area Non-Interim Regulations, and Respect for Puyallup Tribal Government Representatives

Dear Mayor Woodards and City Councilmembers,

I urge you to approve the “non-interim regulations” for Tacoma’s tideflats and port area. These regulations are not perfect, but are a reasonable compromise between those who wish to end fossil fuel industry and risky fuel transportation plans, and move toward greener industrial options, and those who would prefer that Tacoma remain in the polluted past. The proposed rules are reasonable working regulations to cover these lands while the process of developing a sub-area zoning plan continues to move forward. This is a good compromise, and deserves your support.

I also urge you to consider our City’s relationship with the Puyallup Tribe’s government. Tribal representatives have been involved in every step of these regulations. The tideflats and port lands are not only the ancestral lands of the Tribe, but the location of tribal enterprise activities. When they speak of their lands, we should listen with respect. For the last five years, the Tribe has been speaking to us and emphatically stating that cleaning these lands, healing the waters, and refocusing our industries for the future is their highest priority. Government leaders from the Tribe have come before you time and time again to explain how important these issues are to their people. Are you listening?

The Puyallup Tribe has become a significant economic engine for our region, and our City’s relationship with the Tribe must continue to grow in order for our region to thrive. With these “non-interim regulations” you have a chance to show that the City values the Tribe and wants to move forward in a coordinated, effective manner, to address the future of the port, and the future of our City.

Please do not lose this opportunity. It is a matter of respect, a matter of true partnership, and a matter of good government.

Respectfully,

Evelyn Fielding Lopez
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From: Nancy Farrell <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Sunday, May 9, 2021 7:02 AM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Tacoma Deserves A Low Carbon Tideflats

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Nancy Farrell
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4005 N. 24th St.
Tacoma, Washington 98406

From: Nancy Lee Farrell <nfarrellwa@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, May 9, 2021 6:59 AM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: No cracked gas in Tacoma!!

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From: K Anderson <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Friday, May 7, 2021 3:52 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Tacoma Deserves A Low Carbon Tideflats

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Thank you,

K Anderson
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P. O. Box 1934
Milton, Washington 98354

From: Vince O'Halloran <vince_sup@msn.com>

Sent: Friday, April 30, 2021 8:48 AM

To: Woodards, Victoria

Cc: Hines, John; Thoms, Robert; Blocker, Keith; Ushka, Catherine; Beale, Chris; Hunter, Lillian; McCarthy, Conor; Walker, Kristina; City Clerk's Office

Subject: Puget Sound Ports Council MTD AFL-CIO Tideflats comments

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April 29th, 2021

Mayor Victoria Woodards
Tacoma City Councilmembers
Tacoma Municipal Building N. Room 16
733 Market Street
Tacoma, WA 98402

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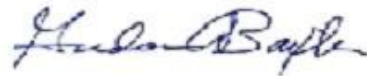
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Secretary/Treasurer

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Sent: Thursday, April 29, 2021 5:52 AM
To: City Manager; Woodards, Victoria; City Council; Woodards, Victoria
Cc: City Clerk's Office
Subject: We help the environment with renewable fuels and more. Please think outside the box.

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Dear Mayor Woodards, Councilmembers and City Manager Pauli,

I am deeply concerned about the future of my job in the Port of Tacoma. As an employee, working in the Tideflats, my job is directly affected by future Land Use planning decisions by the City Council. Making it more difficult or uncertain for employers to operate on the Tideflats puts my job at risk. Uncertainty could hurt my future, the future of my family and the futures of hundreds of others like me who rely on the Tideflats Industrial Area to earn a living. Tacoma needs the jobs, taxes and economic stability provided by Port companies.

The Tideflats/Port of Tacoma is one of the primary economic drivers for the city, the region and the state, providing family wage jobs and a critical tax base. Council must use great care when regulating policy for an area that is so vital to our collective economic future.

Our SeaPort Sound Terminal employs 50 people with family wage jobs, including myself. Our business provides energy to fuel our region. We are the largest renewable fuel facility in Washington State and would like the ability to continue to grow our renewable fuel business.

Our renewable fuels reduce the carbon intensity of transportation fuels. Our clean transportation options are available to the market today to help reduce greenhouse gas emissions and conventional air pollution.

The City of Tacoma wants Green Jobs. We started bringing renewable fuel options to Tacoma in 2007 with biodiesel. Since 2007 we have expanded our renewable fuel supply. We need the City to allow us to continue to make investments to utilize our infrastructure to meet the future demand for renewable fuels.

The Non-Interim Regulations being considered appear to be an attempt to short cut the Subarea Plan process by making some of its most economically destructive proposed elements permanent now.

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As our elected representatives on Council, I urge you to slow down, to be deliberate in considering these changes to avoid any unintended consequences, and to take the time necessary to get proper input from all the community members who will be impacted by these regulations for years to come.

All our futures are at stake! Save our jobs and allow us to HELP the environment and our City!

Sincerely,

Sarah Moore

Business Analyst

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From: Todd Mitchell <Todd@local7insulators.org>
Sent: Wednesday, April 28, 2021 2:58 PM
To: Woodards, Victoria; Hines, John; Thoms, Robert; Blocker, Keith; Ushka, Catherine; Beale, Chris; Hunter, Lillian; McCarthy, Conor; Walker, Kristina; City Clerk's Office
Subject: Interim Comments
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Hello Mayor Woodards,

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Please see my attached comments.

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Dear Mayor, Woodards and Tacoma City Council,

I represent the Metal Trades and am the Business Representative/ Financial Secretary for the Heat and Frost Insulators, Local 7 representing 800 members. I want to express my concern for the proposed Non-Interim Tideflats and Industrial Land Use Regulations.

The Tacoma City Council is pushing through the Non-interim regulations much too quickly and are not giving those affected by these regulations adequate time to understand their intended and unintended consequences. Also, the rushed nature of the Non-Interim Regulations process will invite legal challenges as well as damage the credibility of the broader Subarea Plan process.

Some of the sections of the regulations that cause concern involve the increased use on conditional use permitting and those sections addressing heavy industrial uses.

The Council's proposed Non-interim regulations require businesses to operate under time-consuming and development-slowing "conditional use" permits. This will fundamentally change investment, expansion and improvement projects in Tacoma rendering essentially all projects vulnerable to lengthy delays and costly last-minute rejections.

The increased use of conditional use permits in the proposed regulations, would harm Tacoma businesses because they are highly subjective and discretionary, and can effectively prohibit any use with little analysis or justification. I have additional concerns because, under the current regulations any heavy industrial use can operate if it is not expressly prohibited. But under the proposed Non-interim regulations unless it is explicitly designated - it is prohibited or requires conditional use permitting.

The language and requirements of Council's Non-interim regulations can be non-specific, and open to interpretation. Conditional use permits are based on undefined criteria, which means the review process will be unpredictable and unreliable in terms of timing, quality of review, and result. The instability and subjectivity of the process, along with the drawn-out planning and approval processes, could quickly render initial investment moot and scare off future investment in Tacoma.

It is no secret that businesses crave predictability, and those seeking to grow or expand will avoid uncertain situations at all costs. Given the choice between a location with a local government that understands that and one where the local government doesn't, companies won't have to deliberate for long before deciding to take their opportunity elsewhere. This is not the message

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Tacoma should be sending to employers, or to the thousands of families that rely on Port and Tideflats companies for their livelihood.

Finally, the Non-interim regulation impact on Tacoma businesses also jeopardizes the \$100 million in state and local taxes Port business pay annually.

I urge the Mayor and Tacoma City Council to slow down the Non-interim regulations process so we can all accurately ascertain the broad ramifications of the proposed regulations. Let's all work together to help the people of Tacoma thrive by protecting the environment, creating a strong tax base and creating family wage jobs.

Sincerely,

Todd Mitchell
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From: Kit Burns <kburns.wcb@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 11, 2021 2:07 PM
To: Flint, Bryan; Tacoma Public Utility Board
Cc: Woodards, Victoria; Blocker, Keith; City Clerk's Office; Hines, John; Thoms, Robert; Ushka, Catherine; Beale, Chris; Walker, Kristina; McCarthy, Conor; Hunter, Lillian
Subject: TPU - Opt Out Policy does not provide Customer Equity - Budget Billing

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CITIZEN COMMENTS - MAY 12 - TPU BOARD MEETING

OPT OUT - BUDGET BILLING - NO ADDITIONAL COST

Tacoma Public Utility Board
Tacoma City Council

Dear Chair Flint,

The TPU Opt Out Policy does not represent a fair policy for all customer groups. The current policy allows only for those who can pay \$180 additional a year to opt out.

This would not meet the City of Tacoma's Equity Requirements.
And this 'Opt Out' is only for power. It does not include water meters.

Two States have AMI meter opt out policies that are at no cost to individual customers. Vermont and New Hampshire. Tacoma Public Utilities should allow for this. It can be done.

An opt out policy should be available to ALL customers so as to meet community standards and provide for equitable treatment. The current program excludes a large part of the community.

Historically, in the past, we were told that DDT was good for us (YouTube). Asbestos had many wonderful uses (Johns-Manville). Roundup causes no harm (Monsanto). Lead in gas was not a problem. Teflon has wonderful uses (PFAS/ DuPont/ 3M).

The FCC is a Federal Agency captured by profit making corporate interests. They are not interested in our health. The FCC does not have medical doctors on staff and has not done any independent long term radiation studies.

We are told there are no health issues for radiation from AMI meters. We only have industry sponsored claims to review. Everyone should have the ability to avoid microwave radiation from invading their homes. We have reason to be concerned.

Customers should be aware about the amount of radiation from the meters. They should also be told why the power meters, which can emit radiation up to 288 times per day. and the water meters 96 times per day, invade our homes that frequently.

Instead of 6 visits a year we will be "zapped" a minimum of 17,520 and as much as 140,160 times a year with radiation. In 2017 TPU said it would be only 'several' times a day. Now they say 24 times but leave out water and other transmissions to and from the meters. TPU meter information says that frequency could be every 5 minutes.

It would be naive to think this causes no harm. Having studied biology, chemistry. and physics, it is absurd to believe the radiation changes nothing. What is the benefit? Who is this being done for?

I prefer the privacy and security that 6 meter reads a year provides.

All of us should be concerned with this amount of unnecessary radiation entering our homes. It's like going to the dentist a lot of times. Did you notice the dentist steps out of the room?

A solution would be to allow for customers to opt out using "**Budget Billing**" which is available now and will also be available with AMI program.

Customers should still be allowed to participate in financial support programs. They should not be financially excluded as they currently are. That doesn't meet any equity test.

All customers with one or more years service should be allowed to participate. Billing could be set for monthly, bi-monthly, or paperless as a choice.

I believe that everyone should have the ability to opt out with a "no cost" option if they use the budget billing option.

I ask that the Tacoma Public Utility Board take action and adopt a policy that using Budget Billing, customers can opt out at no cost, and keep their current meters.

This would be an addition to the current policy and provide community-wide equity, excluding no community member. (Incidentally 180,000 electrical meters and 107,000 water meters are currently working just fine - are they being saved or trashed?)

It is important that we have this sort of equity in our community.

Please contact me if you have any questions. I ask that the Board and City Council take action.

I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

Kit Burns

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. . . "the world reveals itself to those who travel on foot".

From: Ray Bennett <raylbennett@msn.com>
Sent: Sunday, May 9, 2021 8:14 AM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Hazard Pay For Grocery Workers

Importance: High

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Good morning Mayor Woodard and City Council Members,

On January 4th I was diagnosed with Covid19 that I caught from a co-worker along with another cutter that worked alongside of me. I told upper management that I was positive on July 4, 2021, and my co-worker had the same symptoms, and he was going to get tested the next day, however he never got tested and was allowed to work even with management knowing he most likely had it. My wife has Alzheimer's disease and other medical conditions and I ended up giving it to her. Before I was able to return to work my co-worker gave it to his girlfriend and so then he was tested, and it was positive for Covid19.

Some people and other Unions think the Fire, Police Departments and medical staff should also get hazard pay so some communities won't pass it because of this. However when they signed up for their positions they are hazardous jobs, and these circumstances are part of their jobs. Some people also think small grocery stores and restaurants should get it also, but they don't get the crowds we get in the big grocery chains with people getting right in your face while trying to stock product. Hazard pay should be given to all Grocery workers since we have been on the front line since the beginning of the pandemic. We have had team members die, hospitalized, and effected by this terrible pandemic. We have put up with extra hours without the needed help, customers hitting, spitting, yelling and at least one case stabbed a fellow coworker just because of being asked to wear a mask or out of product. Kroger has given out bonuses to upper management more than five times their highest bonuses due to the double and sometimes triple the sales during the pandemic. This pandemic isn't even close to being over. South Hill Fred Meyer meat department had everyone out for covid19 last month for a couple weeks and a few in other departments there. Tacoma Pacific Fred Meyers Service Deli out last month with Covid19, and the numbers are on the rise.

The stores that Kroger is saying they are closing because of the hazard pay isn't due to hazard pay at all since they were slated for closer since 2017. If anything, they have paid billions of dollars in bonuses to upper management from the profits that we as the underlying grunt workers put up with the rude and disrespectful customers and now Fred Meyer Stores are not making people to wear masks or asking them to wear. Kroger feels that it effects sales and saves arguments not to force masks to be worn.

As of today, May 9, 2021, I still haven't received covid pay for time loss.

If us grocery workers are classified as essential workers, we should have hazard pay especially since we are most likely in Pierce County going to phase 1 again!

You Thank Kindly for Your Time and Consideration,

Ray L Bennett

From: Christina McDermott <mcdermottchristina7@gmail.com>

Sent: Thursday, May 6, 2021 6:54 PM

To: City Clerk's Office

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First I would like to thank you for affording me this chance to explain why we in Tacoma at store 1594 deserve this opportunity. I have invested so much of my time and effort into learning to perform my job correctly. I cleaned every hour , to insure the cleanliness for the safety of our customers and employees on top of making sure that my daily duties of the deli were correctly completed. We have a pharmacy at our store. I will be with this company for 2 years in September. I am a single mother of two children.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Crissy McDermott