



City of Tacoma

Notice of Public Hearing

May 9, 2013

On Tuesday, May 21, 2013, at approximately 5:30 p.m., the City Council will conduct a public hearing on the proposed amendments to the Comprehensive Plan and Land Use Regulatory Code, as recommended by the Planning Commission for the year 2013. **For additional details, please see the reverse side of this notice.**

This hearing will take place in the City Council Chambers on the first floor of the Tacoma Municipal Building, 747 Market Street, Tacoma, Washington. All persons will have an opportunity to present their oral comments at the meeting. Those wishing to submit written comments may do so at the public hearing, or may submit them to the City Clerk's Office at 747 Market Street, Room 220, Tacoma, WA 98402, by 4:00 p.m., on Tuesday, May 21, 2013.

Resolution No. 38665, which set the public hearing date, can be viewed in its entirety on the City's website at www.cityoftacoma.org/recentlegis by clicking on the link for May 7, 2013, or by requesting a copy from the City Clerk's Office at (253) 591-5505.

For more information, please contact Mr. Lihuang Wung, at (253) 591-5682, or via email at lwung@cityoftacoma.org.

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City Clerk



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Subject

Proposed Amendments to the Comprehensive Plan and Land Use Regulatory Code for 2013 (“2013 Annual Amendment”), as recommended by the Planning Commission on May 1, 2013.

Summary

Application *	Proposed Amendments
1. Drive-Through Regulations	Amending Tacoma Municipal Code (TMC) Chapters 13.06, 13.06A and 10.14 to place additional standards on drive-throughs and driveways in order to align with the overall vision of the Comprehensive Plan for pedestrian friendly and walkable neighborhoods.
2. Countywide Planning Policies	Review of the 2012 Updates to the Pierce County Countywide Planning Policies (CPPs) to ensure the City’s Comprehensive Plan continues to be consistent with the CPPs. (No amendments proposed.)
3. Transportation Element	Updating and reprioritizing unfunded projects and incorporating “Environmental Justice” into policy provisions to be consistent with VISION 2040.
4. Land Use Designations	Revising the Comprehensive Plan’s land use designation approach from the current Land Use Intensities to a more simplified and easily understood classification system.
5. Adoption and Amendment Procedures	Amending TMC 13.02 to streamline the processes for the Comprehensive Plan, area-wide rezones, moratoria, and interim zoning.
6. Platting and Subdivision Regulations	Amending TMC 13.04 to increase the maximum short plat size from four to nine lots and address associated regulatory requirements.
7. Sign Regulations	Amending the Sign Code contained in TMC 13.06 to address on-site digital signage and various sign related issues.
8. Regulatory Code Cleanup	Amending TMC 1.37, 13.05, 13.06 and 13.06A to correct minor errors, provide additional clarity, and improve administrative efficiency.

*** Note:**

This public hearing does not include the application that seeks to rescind three shoreline related elements of the Comprehensive Plan and adopt the Tacoma Waterfront Design Guidelines and the Public Access Alternatives Plan. Those proposed documents are implementation strategies of the revised Shoreline Master Program (SMP) and, as recommended by the Planning Commission, should be considered and adopted by the City Council concurrently with the final adoption of the SMP. The revised SMP is currently under review of the State Department of Ecology. The City Council will consider the Planning Commission’s recommendation on these SMP implementation strategies upon Ecology’s approval of the SMP.

Additional Information

The complete text of the proposed amendments, the Planning Commission’s Findings and Recommendations Report, and other relevant information, are available at the Planning and Development Services Department, and on the Planning Services Division’s website at www.cityoftacoma.org/planning (click on “2013 Annual Amendment”).