



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING & QUESTION/ANSWER SESSION

POTENTIAL REVISIONS TO THE SIGN CODE FOR BILLBOARDS

PLANNING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING

Wednesday, March 16, 2011 5:00 pm City Council Chambers
Tacoma Municipal Building, 747 Market Street, 1st Floor

If you are interested in learning more about the proposed changes prior to the public hearing, please attend the Question and Answer Session, where staff will provide a detailed explanation of the proposed changes and answer questions.

QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION WITH STAFF

Wednesday, March 9, 2011 6:00 pm City Council Chambers
Tacoma Municipal Building, 747 Market Street, 1st Floor

WHAT IS BEING CONSIDERED?

The Tacoma Planning Commission is considering revisions to the City's billboard regulations which would allow for the installation of a limited number of digital billboards in certain areas in exchange for the removal of a substantial number of traditional billboards. In addition, the Commission is considering revisions regarding the allowed size, location, brightness, hours of operation, and other standards for digital billboards. While new digital billboards would be allowed only in certain areas, the proposed changes would apply city-wide and could result in the removal of existing billboards from many different areas.

WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THE PUBLIC HEARING?

The Planning Commission is seeking public comment on these potential code changes. You received this notice because you or a group you belong to has been identified as a potentially interested party.



WHERE CAN I GET ADDITIONAL INFORMATION?

Additional information, including the complete text of the proposed revisions, the staff report, maps showing the areas where new digital billboards would be allowed and the first group of existing billboards that would be removed, and the environmental determination, is available from the Community and Economic Development Department at the address to the right, at all branches of the Tacoma Public Library, and on the Planning Division website:

www.cityoftacoma.org/planning (click on “Billboard Regulations”)

HOW DO I PROVIDE COMMENTS TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION?

You can testify at the hearing or provide written comments using the return address on this card no later than 5:00 pm on **Friday, March 25, 2011** or by facsimile at (253) 591-2002 or via e-mail at planning@cityoftacoma.org.

If you have additional questions please feel free to contact Shirley Schultz, Principal Planner, at:

(253) 591-5121

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

The City has made a preliminary determination that this proposal will not have a significant adverse impact on the environment and has issued a preliminary Determination of Environmental Non-Significance (DNS) after review of a completed environmental checklist, a copy of which is available upon request. Comments on the preliminary determination must be submitted by 5:00 p.m. on **Friday, March 25, 2011**. The City may reconsider or modify the preliminary determination in light of timely comments. The preliminary determination will become final on April 1, 2011, unless modified.

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