On August 30, 2011 the City Council adopted Ordinance No. 28014, placing a six-month moratorium on the permitting of large scale retail establishments (those with a floor area greater than 65,000 square feet). The purpose of the moratorium is to allow the City time to evaluate the impacts of these kinds of uses and consider potential changes to its regulations and requirements.

**WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THE PUBLIC HEARING?**

The City Council referred the moratorium to the Planning Commission to develop findings and recommendations regarding the moratorium. The Planning Commission is seeking public comment addressing, at a minimum:

- Is the emergency moratorium needed?
- If so, what is the appropriate duration of the moratorium?

**Please Note:** This public hearing is on the need for and duration of the moratorium and not to discuss or review any particular changes to the City’s regulations or requirements relative to large retail uses.
**WHERE CAN I GET ADDITIONAL INFORMATION?**
Additional information, including the complete text of the moratorium (Ordinance No. 28014) adopted by the City Council, is available from the Community and Economic Development Department at the address to the right, and on the Planning Division website:

[www.cityoftacoma.org/planning](http://www.cityoftacoma.org/planning)
(click on “Large Scale Retail Moratorium”)

**HOW DO I PROVIDE COMMENTS TO THE COMMISSION?**
You can testify at the hearing or provide written comments no later than 5:00 p.m. on **Friday, October 7, 2011** using the return address on this card 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 Brian Boudet at:

(253) 573-2389

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