



## Legislation Passed November 12, 2019

The Tacoma City Council, at its regular City Council meeting of November 12, 2019, adopted the following resolutions and/or ordinances. The summary of the contents of said resolutions and/or ordinances are shown below. To view the full text of the document, click on the bookmark at the left of the page.

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### **Resolution No. 40469**

A resolution setting Thursday, January 9, 2020, at 9:00 a.m., as the date for a hearing by the Hearing Examiner on the request to vacate a portion of North Visscher Street, lying between North Park Way and North Park Avenue, to facilitate private improvements and landscaping.

(Claire and Gabriel Van Guse; File No. 124.1400)

[Troy Stevens, Senior Real Estate Specialist; Kurtis D. Kingsolver, P.E., Director, Public Works]

### **Resolution No. 40470**

A resolution authorizing the execution of a Collective Bargaining Agreement with the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 483, Customer and Field Services Unit, consisting of approximately 157 budgeted full-time equivalent positions, retroactive to January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2021.

[Dylan Carlson, Senior Labor Relations Manager; Bill Fosbre, City Attorney]

### **Resolution No. 40471**

A resolution authorizing the execution of a Letter of Agreement with the Teamsters Local Union No. 117, Tacoma Venues and Events Unit, to create the classified job title of HVAC Mechanic II.

[Dylan Carlson, Senior Labor Relations Manager; Bill Fosbre, City Attorney]

### **Resolution No. 40474**

A resolution awarding a contract to Pivetta Brothers Construction Inc, in the amount of \$6,634,124.97, plus applicable taxes, plus a 15 percent contingency, for a total of \$7,629,244.97, budgeted from various departmental funds, for the reconstruction of East 64th Street between Pacific Avenue and McKinley Avenue, including sewer and water system improvements - Specification No. PW19-0213F.

[Chris Storey, Project Manager; Kurtis D. Kingsolver, P.E., Director, Public Works]

### **Ordinance No. 28619**

An ordinance approving a six-month extension of the Tideflats Interim Regulations, as originally approved by Amended Ordinance No. 28470 and extended by Ordinance Nos. 28542 and 28583.

[Stephen Atkinson, Principal Planner; Peter Huffman, Director, Planning and Development Services]

**Substitute Amended Ordinance No. 28624**

An ordinance amending Subtitle 6A of the Municipal Code, relating to Tax Code, by adding a new Chapter 6A.120, entitled "Firearms and Ammunition Tax", to impose a tax on firearms and ammunition to consist of \$25.00 per firearm sold at retail, \$0.02 per round of ammunition .22 caliber or less, and \$0.05 per round of other ammunition sold at retail to raise revenue for funding programs that promote public safety, prevent gun violence, and help offset the impacts and costs of gun violence in the City.

[Danielle Larson, Tax and License Manager; Andy Cherullo, Director, Finance]



## RESOLUTION NO. 40469

1 A RESOLUTION relating to the vacation of City right-of-way; setting Thursday,  
2 January 9, 2020, at 9:00 a.m., as the date for a hearing before the City of  
3 Tacoma Hearing Examiner on the petition of Claire and Gabriel Van Guse,  
4 to vacate a portion of North Visscher Street, lying between North Park Way  
and North Park Avenue, to facilitate private improvements and landscaping.

5 WHEREAS Claire and Gabriel Van Guse, having received the consent of  
6 the owners of more than two-thirds of the properties abutting the portion of  
7 North Visscher Street, lying between North Park Way and North Park Avenue,  
8 have petitioned for the vacation of the following legally described right-of-way  
9 area:  
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11 A PORTION OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF THE  
12 NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 23, TOWNSHIP 21  
NORTH, RANGE 2 EAST, W.M. DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

13 COMMENCING AT A BRASS SURFACE MONUMENT AT THE  
14 NORTH QUARTER CORNER OF SAID SECTION 23; THENCE  
15 ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID SECTION, NORTH  
16 88°36'20" WEST, 287.62 FEET TO ITS INTERSECTION WITH  
17 THE NORTHERLY EXTENSION OF THE WEST LINE OF LOT 3  
18 OF BLOCK 2 OF REPLAT OF POINT DEFIANCE PARK  
19 ADDITION TO TACOMA, WASHINGTON, VOLUME 10 OF  
20 PLATS, PAGE 78, RECORDS OF PIERCE COUNTY  
21 AUDITOR'S OFFICE; THENCE ALONG SAID WEST LINE  
22 EXTENDED, SOUTH 01°54'00" WEST, 35.00 FEET TO THE  
23 NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID LOT 3 AND THE TRUE  
24 POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUING SOUTH  
25 01°54'00" WEST, 135.80 FEET TO THE SOUTHWEST CORNER  
26 OF SAID LOT 3, THENCE ALONG THE WESTERLY  
EXTENSION OF THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID LOT 3, SOUTH  
58°00'39" WEST, 6.02 FEET; THENCE PARALLEL WITH SAID  
WEST LINE, NORTH 01°54'00" EAST, 139.11 FEET TO THE  
INTERSECTION WITH WESTERLY EXTENSION OF THE  
NORTH LINE OF SAID LOT 3; THENCE ALONG SAID  
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SITUATE IN THE CITY OF TACOMA, COUNTY OF PIERCE,  
STATE OF WASHINGTON.

Now, Therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TACOMA:

Section 1. That Thursday, January 9, 2020, at 9:00 a.m., is hereby fixed  
as the date and time, and the Council Chambers on the first floor of the  
Tacoma Municipal Building, 747 Market Street, in the City of Tacoma, as the  
place when and where said request will be heard by the Hearing Examiner and  
his recommendations thereafter transmitted to the Council of the City of  
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Section 2. That the Clerk of the City of Tacoma shall give proper notice of the time and place of said hearing.

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Mayor

Attest:  
  
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City Clerk

Approved as to form:  
  
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Deputy City Attorney

Property description approved:  
  
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Chief Surveyor  
Public Works Department

Location: A portion of North Visscher Street, lying between North Park Way and North Park Avenue  
Petitioners: Claire and Gabriel Van Guse  
File No.: 124.1400



## RESOLUTION NO. 40470

1 A RESOLUTION related to collective bargaining; authorizing the execution of a  
2 three-year Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City and  
3 International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 483, Customer and  
4 Field Services Unit, effective retroactive to January 1, 2019, through  
5 December 31, 2021.

6 WHEREAS the City has, for years, adopted the policy of collective  
7 bargaining between the various labor organizations representing employees and  
8 the administration, and

9 WHEREAS this resolution allows for the execution of a three-year Collective  
10 Bargaining Agreement ("CBA") between the City and International Brotherhood of  
11 Electrical Workers, Local 483, Customer and Field Services Unit ("Union"), on  
12 behalf of the employees represented by said Union, and

13 WHEREAS the bargaining unit consists of approximately 157 budgeted,  
14 full-time equivalent ("FTE") positions, with 122 FTEs assigned to Tacoma Public  
15 Utilities (TPU) and 35 FTEs assigned to General Government, and

16 WHEREAS the CBA covers three years and will provide for a wage increase  
17 in each year of the agreement; effective retroactive to January 1, 2019, base  
18 wages will increase by 3 percent, effective January 1, 2020, base wages will  
19 increase by 3 percent, effective January 1, 2021, base wages will increase by 2.5  
20 percent, and

21 WHEREAS other changes include: (1) reducing the pay range for the  
22 classification of Warehouse Supervisor, from five steps to three steps, and  
23 changing the classification to overtime eligible; (2) adding a fourth step to the pay  
24 range for the Customer Service Representative, Lead classification; (3) eliminating  
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1 the Work Force Coordinator application of rate and adding a new Workforce  
2 Coordinator classification with the pay range set to mirror the Customer Service  
3 Representative, Lead classification; and (4) adding an annual maximum  
4 reimbursement for required safety footwear of up to \$150.00 for specific TPU Field  
5 Operations Staff, and  
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7 WHEREAS the CBA was considered and approved by the Public Utility  
8 Board at its meeting of October 23, 2019, and

9 WHEREAS it appears in the best interests of the City that the CBA  
10 negotiated by said Union and the City be approved; Now, Therefore,

11 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TACOMA:

12 That the proper officers of the City are hereby authorized to execute the  
13 three-year Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City and International  
14 Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 483, Customer and Field Services Unit,  
15 effective retroactive to January 1, 2019, through December 31, 2021, said  
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1 document to be substantially in the form of the agreement on file in the office of the  
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7 Mayor

8 Attest:  
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10 City Clerk

11 Approved as to form:  
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13 Deputy City Attorney

14 Requested by Public Utility Board  
15 Resolution No. U-11112

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## RESOLUTION NO. 40471

1 A RESOLUTION relating to collective bargaining; authorizing the execution of a  
2 Letter of Agreement negotiated between the City of Tacoma and Teamsters  
3 Local Union No. 117, Tacoma Venues & Events Unit, regarding the new  
4 classification of Tacoma Venues & Events HVAC Mechanic II.

4 WHEREAS the City has, for years, adopted the policy of collective  
5 bargaining between the various labor organizations representing employees and  
6 the administration, and

7 WHEREAS Resolution No. 40182, adopted December 11, 2018, authorized  
8 the execution of the two-year Collective Bargaining Agreement (“CBA”) between the  
9 City of Tacoma and Teamsters Local Union No. 117, Tacoma Venues & Events  
10 Unit (“Union”), on behalf of the employees represented by said Union, and

11 WHEREAS an ordinance to create the classification of Tacoma Venues &  
12 Events HVAC Mechanic II (CSC 5053) is scheduled for consideration by the City  
13 Council on November 12, 2019, and

14 WHEREAS the City and Union have negotiated a Letter of Agreement  
15 (“LOA”) to the CBA which provides that: (1) the City will voluntarily recognize the  
16 Union as the authorized bargaining representative for the Tacoma Venues & Events  
17 HVAC Mechanic II classification; (2) all other terms and conditions of the CBA shall  
18 apply to the classification; and (3) the classification is overtime eligible, in  
19 accordance with Article 14 of the CBA, with a step pay range between \$31.64 and  
20 \$38.46 per hour, and

21 WHEREAS it appears in the best interest of the City that the LOA negotiated  
22 by said Union and the City be approved; Now, Therefore,  
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BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TACOMA:

That the proper officers of the City are hereby authorized to execute the Letter of Agreement negotiated between the City of Tacoma and Teamsters Local Union No. 117, Tacoma Venues & Events Unit, said document to be substantially in the form of the document on file in the office of the City Clerk.

Adopted \_\_\_\_\_

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Mayor

Attest:

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City Clerk

Approved as to form:

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Deputy City Attorney



## RESOLUTION NO. 40474

1 A RESOLUTION related to the purchase of materials, supplies or equipment,  
2 and the furnishing of services; authorizing the execution of a contract  
3 with Pivetta Brothers Construction Inc, in the amount of \$6,634,124.97,  
4 plus a 15 percent contingency, for a cumulative total of \$7,629,244.97,  
5 plus applicable taxes, budgeted from Various Departmental Funds, for  
6 the reconstruction of East 64th Street between Pacific Avenue and  
7 McKinley Avenue including sewer and water system improvements,  
8 pursuant to Specification No. PW19-0213F.

9 WHEREAS the City has complied with all applicable laws and processes  
10 governing the acquisition of those supplies, and/or the procurement of those  
11 services, inclusive of public works, as is shown by the attached Exhibit "A,"  
12 incorporated herein as though fully set forth, and

13 WHEREAS the Board of Contracts and Awards has concurred with the  
14 recommendation for award as set forth in the attached Exhibit "A"; Now, Therefore,

15 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TACOMA:

16 Section 1. That the Council of the City of Tacoma concurs with the Board of  
17 Contracts and Awards to adopt the recommendation for award as set forth in the  
18 attached Exhibit "A."

19 Section 2. That the proper officers of the City are hereby authorized to  
20 enter into a contract with Pivetta Brothers Construction Inc, in the amount of  
21 \$6,634,124.97, plus a 15 percent contingency, for a cumulative total of  
22 \$7,629,244.97, plus applicable taxes, budgeted from Various Departmental  
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1 Funds, for the reconstruction of East 64th Street between Pacific Avenue and  
2 McKinley Avenue including sewer and water system improvements, pursuant to  
3 Specification No. PW19-0213F, consistent with Exhibit "A."  
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## ORDINANCE NO. 28619

1 AN ORDINANCE approving a six-month extension of the Tideflats Interim  
2 Regulations, as approved by Amended Ordinance No. 28470 and  
3 extended by Ordinance Nos. 28542 and 28583.

4 WHEREAS, on May 9, 2017, the City Council adopted Amended  
5 Resolution No. 39723, initiating the subarea planning process for the Tideflats  
6 area, and further, requesting that the Planning Commission consider the need for  
7 interim regulations in the Tideflats area while the subarea planning process is  
8 underway, and

9 WHEREAS the Planning Commission (“Commission”) determined that  
10 interim regulations were warranted, and on October 4, 2017, the Commission  
11 forwarded its recommendation to the City Council for consideration, and  
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13 WHEREAS, in support of these deliberations, the Commission conducted a  
14 public hearing at which 81 people testified, and reviewed over 200 written  
15 comments, and

16 WHEREAS, following its own public hearing and substantial community  
17 input and deliberation, the City Council, on November 21, 2017, passed  
18 Amended Ordinance No. 28470, which included the following elements:

- 19 • Category 1: Expanded public notification of heavy industrial use permits;
- 20 • Category 2: A temporary prohibition of new non-industrial uses in the Port of  
21 Tacoma Manufacturing and Industrial Center;
- 22 • Category 3: A temporary prohibition of new residential development along  
23 Marine View Drive and NE Tacoma slopes; and
- 24 • Category 4: A temporary prohibition on certain types of new heavy industrial  
25 uses,

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WHEREAS, on November 13, 2018, following another public hearing, substantial community input, and City Council deliberation, the City Council passed Ordinance No. 28542, extending the Tideflats Interim Regulations for an additional six-month period, and

WHEREAS, on May 21, 2019, following another public hearing and deliberations, the City Council passed Ordinance No. 28583, extending the Tideflats Interim Regulations for an additional six-month period, and

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 28583 is set to expire on December 2, 2019, and the Tacoma Municipal Code ("TMC"), consistent with state law, allows the City Council to consider reauthorization of the interim regulations every six months subsequent to the initial one-year authorization period, and

WHEREAS, at the time of reauthorization, the City Council may consider amendments to the Ordinance, however, there are no alternatives under consideration at this time, and

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that it is necessary to extend the interim regulations for an additional six-month period; Now, Therefore,



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BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF TACOMA:

That a six-month extension of the Tideflats Interim Regulations, as originally approved by Amended Ordinance No. 28470, passed November 21, 2017, extended by Ordinance No. 28542, passed on November 13, 2018, and extended by Ordinance No. 28583, passed on May 21, 2019, is hereby approved.

Passed \_\_\_\_\_

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Mayor

Attest:  
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City Clerk

Approved as to form:  
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Deputy City Attorney



**SUBSTITUTE  
ORDINANCE NO. 28624**

1 BY REQUEST OF COUNCIL MEMBER BLOCKER

2 AN ORDINANCE relating to the tax code; imposing a tax on engaging in the  
3 business of making retail sales of firearms and ammunition; amending  
4 Subtitle 6A of the Tacoma Municipal Code by adding thereto a new  
5 Chapter 6A.120, to be known as "Firearms and Ammunition Tax";  
6 establishing an effective date; directing the City Manager to make  
7 recommendations relating to gun violence and related issues; and further  
8 directing the City Manager to review the impacts of the tax and its revenue.

9 WHEREAS, in 2017, 39,773 people died from gun-related injuries in the  
10 United States, and

11 WHEREAS three quarters of all murders and approximately half of all  
12 suicides in the United States in 2017 involved a firearm, and

13 WHEREAS, of the 22 homicides that have occurred in Tacoma in 2019,  
14 19 involved firearms, and

15 WHEREAS, from 2014 to 2018, there has been an increase of 37 percent  
16 in the number of criminal offenses in Tacoma involving firearms, and

17 WHEREAS, every year, 600 American women are shot to death by  
18 intimate partners, and

19 WHEREAS, of all women shot to death by others in the United States, half  
20 were shot by their intimate partners, and

21 WHEREAS basic research and prevention programs can reduce long-term  
22 costs and save lives, but often need funding to get started, and

23 WHEREAS, due to successful efforts by the gun lobbyists, funding for  
24 research into the causes of gun violence has been blocked at the federal level  
25 since 1996, and  
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1 WHEREAS the creation of a revenue source through a tax on the sale of  
2 firearms and ammunition would provide public benefits for residents of Tacoma  
3 related to gun violence by providing a portion of the funds needed for programs  
4 that promote public safety, prevent gun violence, and address, in part, the cost of  
5 gun violence in the City, and

6 WHEREAS the revenue generated from this tax will be used to offset a  
7 portion of the impact and cost that gun violence has on our community by being  
8 directed toward programs that promote public safety, prevent gun violence, target  
9 youth and young adult violence prevention, and other programs intended to  
10 reduce violence and promote community healing, and

11 WHEREAS the proposed tax would be based on an ordinance passed in  
12 the City of Seattle, which has been upheld by the Washington State Supreme  
13 Court, and constitutes a tax of \$25.00 per firearm sold at retail; \$0.02 per round of  
14 ammunition .22 caliber or less; and \$0.05 per round of other ammunition sold at  
15 retail, and  
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18 WHEREAS, further, the City Council is directing the City Manager, within  
19 75 calendar days of the date of this ordinance, to bring recommendations to the  
20 City Council that:

21 (1) assist and empower our local communities faced with gun violence,  
22 potentially in partnership with other agencies and entities, to help them heal from  
23 the damage caused by gun violence in our community, and to develop strategies  
24 together to further reduce youth and young adult gun violence;  
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1 (2) make recommendations for programming with youth and young adults,  
2 ages 18-30, to reduce gun violence with concepts such as community court or  
3 restorative justice and gang prevention and gang violence reduction for individuals  
4 not in a felony situation, after consultation with partners;

5 (3) make any other recommendations to reduce gun violence in our  
6 community, including state and federal legislative priorities and other measures to  
7 be led locally to improve gun safety and ensure that guns do not get into the  
8 wrong hands; and

9 (4) make recommendations to use the funds raised from this tax to assist in  
10 developing and implementing gun buyback program, and

11 WHEREAS the City wishes to conduct an review of this Ordinance and any  
12 effect on the business community and local business and occupation tax revenue,  
13 and on the programs the tax revenue is used to support, to determine whether the  
14 City Council should consider repealing the tax, and

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17 WHEREAS this proposed tax, if adopted, would go into effect July 1, 2020;  
18 Now, Therefore,

19 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF TACOMA:

20 Section 1. That the City finds and declares that gun violence directly  
21 affects the City and its residents. Therefore, the City intends to exercise its taxing  
22 authority, as granted by the Washington State Constitution, as authorized by the  
23 Washington State Legislature, and as affirmed by the Washington State Supreme  
24 Court in *Watson et al v. City of Seattle*, 189 Wn.2d 149 (2017), to raise general  
25 revenue for the City and to use that revenue to provide broad-based public  
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benefits for the residents of Tacoma related to gun violence by funding programs that promote public safety, prevent gun violence, target youth and young adult violence prevention, and other programs intended to reduce violence and promote community healing and address, in part, the cost of gun violence in the City.

Section 2. That Subtitle 6A of the Tacoma Municipal Code is hereby amended by the addition thereof of a new Chapter 6A.120, to be known and designated as "Firearms and Ammunition Tax," to read as set forth in the attached Exhibit "A."

Section 3. That the taxes authorized in Section 2 of this ordinance shall become effective July 1, 2020.

Section 4. That the City Manager is hereby directed, within 75 calendar days of the date of this ordinance, to bring recommendations to the City Council that:

(1) assist and empower our local communities faced with gun violence, potentially in partnership with other agencies and entities, to help them heal from the damage caused by gun violence in our community, and to develop strategies together to further reduce youth and young adult gun violence;

(2) make recommendations for programming with youth and young adults, ages 18-30, to reduce gun violence with concepts such as community court or restorative justice and gang prevention and gang violence reduction for individuals not in a felony situation, after consultation with partners;

(3) make any other recommendations to reduce gun violence in our community, including state and federal legislative priorities and other measures to



1 be led locally to improve gun safety and ensure that guns do not get into the  
2 wrong hands; and

3 (4) make recommendations to use the funds raised from this tax to assist in  
4 developing and implementing gun buyback program.

5 Section 5. That the City Manager is hereby directed to conduct a review within  
6 six months of the effective date of this Ordinance, and annually thereafter, of the  
7 impacts of the firearms and ammunitions tax. The annual reviews will include  
8 analysis of:

9 (1) The amount of funding generated by the tax.

10 (2) Any changes in business and occupations tax revenue received from  
11 firearms and ammunitions retailers within Tacoma city limits.

12 (3) Any factual information as to firearms and ammunitions retail  
13 businesses located within City limits that have closed after the effective date of  
14 the Ordinance.

15 (4) A list of programs, projects, initiatives, or other efforts funded in part or  
16 wholly funded by revenue generated from the tax.

17 (5) The number of firearm-involved criminal offenses in Tacoma that  
18 occurred during the preceding 12-month period.

19 (6) As part of the review the City Manager is hereby directed to review  
20 existing gun and youth violence reduction groups in Tacoma; convene a  
21 workgroup to include representatives from Tacoma Public Schools, Tacoma-  
22 based firearms manufacturers and retailers, community partners, and City of  
23 Tacoma staff which includes representatives from the Tacoma Police Department,  
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to review best practices for Tacoma to address gun and youth violence reduction;  
and review and present fiscal analyses, to include costs of expanding current  
programs and fiscal impact of any future firearms and ammunition tax on local gun  
vendors and manufacturers.

Section 6. The City Manager is hereby directed to report the review results  
to the City Council. Upon receipt of each review, the City Council may undertake  
a policy discussion to determine whether to repeal the firearms and ammunitions  
tax, if there is sufficient evidence to conclude that any negative impacts of the tax  
are not adequately mitigated by programs funded through revenues generated by  
the tax.

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Mayor

Attest:

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City Clerk

Approved as to form:

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Deputy City Attorney



**EXHIBIT "A"**

**TITLE 6  
TAX AND LICENSE CODE**

**Chapters:**

**SUBTITLE 6A TAX CODE**

- Chapter 6A.10 General Tax Provisions
- Chapter 6A.20 Admission Tax
- Chapter 6A.30 Business and Occupation Tax
- Chapter 6A.40 Communications Tax
- Chapter 6A.50 Electricity Business and Solid Waste Collection
- Chapter 6A.60 Gambling Tax
- Chapter 6A.70 Local Option Taxes
- Chapter 6A.80 Special Excise Tax
- Chapter 6A.90 Natural or Manufactured Gas Tax
- Chapter 6A.100 Utilities Gross Earnings Tax – Public Utilities
- Chapter 6A.110 Property Tax Exemptions for Multi-Family Housing
- Chapter 6A.120 Firearms and Ammunition Tax

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**Chapter 6A.120**

**FIREARMS AND AMMUNITION TAX**

Sections:

- 6A.120.010 Definitions.
- 6A.120.020 Persons subject to tax – rates.
- 6A.120.030 Deductions.
- 6A.120.040 Exemptions.

**6A.120.010 Definitions.**

The following definitions shall apply throughout this chapter:

“Ammunition” means any projectiles with their fuses, propelling charges, or primers designed to be fired from firearms. Ammunition shall include any shotgun shell and any rifle, pistol, or revolver cartridge.

“Round of ammunition” means a single unit of ammunition.

“Antique firearm” means a firearm or replica of a firearm not designed or redesigned for using rim fire or conventional center fire ignition with fixed ammunition and manufactured in or before 1898, including any matchlock, flintlock, percussion cap, or similar type of ignition system and also any firearm using fixed ammunition manufactured in or before 1898, for which ammunition is no longer manufactured in the United States and is not readily available in the ordinary channels of commercial trade.



1 “Family or household member” means “family” or “household member” as used in  
2 RCW 10.99.020.

3 “Firearm” means a weapon from which a projectile or projectiles may be fired by an explosive  
4 such as gunpowder, and does not include parts or components used to make a firearm.

5 “Licensed dealer” means a person who is federally licensed under 18 U.S.C. 923(a).

6 **6A.120.020 Persons subject to tax – rates.**

7 A. There is imposed a tax on every person engaging within the City in the business of making  
8 retail sales of firearms or ammunition. The amount of the tax due shall be equal to the quantity of  
9 firearms sold at retail and the quantity of ammunition sold at retail multiplied by the applicable  
10 tax rates that are stated in Section 6A.120.020.B.

11 B. The tax rate shall be \$25 per firearm sold at retail, \$.02 per round of ammunition that contains  
12 a single projectile that measures .22 caliber or less sold at retail, and \$.05 per round of  
13 ammunition for all other ammunition sold at retail.

14 **6A.120.030 Deductions.**

15 A. In computing the tax, the taxpayer may deduct from the measure of the tax in this chapter all  
16 firearms or ammunition:

17 1. That the taxpayer delivers to the buyer or buyer’s representative at a location outside the state  
18 of Washington.

19 2. That the taxpayer sells to an office, division, or agency of the United States, or the state of  
20 Washington or any of its municipal corporations.

21 B. In computing the tax, the taxpayer may deduct from the measure of the tax all sales of antique  
22 firearms.

23 **6A.120.040 Exemptions.**

24 A. A person who sells no more than one firearm within the City in any quarterly reporting period  
25 is exempt from the tax in this chapter for that period.

26 B. A person who sells fewer than 50 rounds of ammunition within the City in any quarterly  
reporting period is exempt from the tax in this chapter for that period.

C. A licensed dealer is exempt from the tax for retail sales of firearms in which the licensed  
dealer’s only role is to facilitate sales of firearms between two unlicensed persons by conducting  
background checks under chapter 9.41 RCW.