The Tacoma City Council, at its regular City Council meeting of June 30, 2020, 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.

**Resolution No. 40619**
A resolution appointing Nikie Walters to the Sustainable Tacoma Commission.
[Doris Sorum, City Clerk; Bill Fosbre, City Attorney]

**Resolution No. 40620**
A resolution encouraging the residents of the City of Tacoma to use face coverings or masks when in public spaces.
[Council Member Ushka]

**Amended Resolution No. 40621**
A resolution establishing a communications protocol for any death that occurs while an individual is in the custody of Tacoma Police or as the result of the use of deadly force by Tacoma Police.
[Mayor Woodards]

**Resolution No. 40622**
A resolution affirming the City Council’s dedication and commitment to comprehensive and sustained transformation of all of the institutions, systems, policies, practices, and contracts impacted by systemic racism, with initial priority being given to policing in the City of Tacoma.
[Mayor Woodards]

**Ordinance No. 28677**
An ordinance amending Amended Substitute Ordinance No. 28624, relating to Firearms and Ammunition Tax, to change the effective date of the tax from July 1, 2020, to a date to be determined by the City Council in January 2021, and making this ordinance effective on July 1, 2020.
[Danielle Larson, Tax and License Manager; Andy Cherullo, Director, Finance]
RESOLUTION NO. 40619

BY REQUEST OF COUNCIL MEMBERS BEALE, HUNTER, McCARTHY, AND WALKER

A RESOLUTION relating to committees, boards, and commissions; appointing an individual to the Sustainable Tacoma Commission.

WHEREAS a vacancy exists on the Sustainable Tacoma Commission, and

WHEREAS, at its meeting of February 19, 2020, the Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee conducted interviews and recommended Nikie Walters to a short list for future vacancies on the Commission as they occur, and

WHEREAS a Commissioner has vacated their position as of June 7, 2020, which has created a vacancy, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to City Charter 2.4 and the Rules, Regulations, and Procedures of the City Council, Nikie Walters has been nominated to serve on the Sustainable Tacoma Commission; Now, Therefore,
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TACOMA:

That Nikie Walters is hereby confirmed and appointed as a member of the Sustainable Tacoma Commission, to fill an unexpired term to expire April 30, 2022.

Adopted __________________________

Mayor

Attest:

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City Clerk

Approved as to form:

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City Attorney
RESOLUTION NO. 40620

BY REQUEST OF MAYOR WOODARDS AND COUNCIL MEMBERS HUNTER, THOMS, AND USHKA

A RESOLUTION encouraging the residents of the City of Tacoma to use face coverings or masks when in public spaces.

WHEREAS, on February 29, 2020, the Governor of the state of Washington issued Proclamation 20-05, declaring a public health state of emergency for all counties in Washington State due to the novel coronavirus COVID-19, and

WHEREAS, on March 23, 2020, the Governor issued Proclamation 20-25 which extended the state of emergency, established the “Stay Home, Stay Healthy” order, and prohibited all people from leaving their homes except for those engaged in or obtaining essential services, and

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2020, the City of Tacoma proclaimed a State of Emergency related to COVID-19, and

WHEREAS the Governor subsequently provided a Safe Start four-phase recovery plan to restart business and modify physical distancing requirements when disease activity is adequately suppressed and readiness in key areas is achieved, and

WHEREAS, on June 5, 2020, the Secretary of Health approved Pierce County’s application to move to Phase 2 of the state’s Safe Start recovery plan, which allows for modified restrictions on businesses and other areas of public life, and
WHEREAS, effective June 8, 2020, the Governor required all employees to wear face coverings at work if they are not working alone or cannot maintain physical distance, and

WHEREAS, effective June 26, the Governor will require statewide mandatory face coverings when in a public space, and

WHEREAS there will be specific exemptions for those who may be adversely impacted by wearing a facial covering, and these exemptions include those with certain medical conditions and children under the age of two, who should not wear a face covering, and

WHEREAS children aged two, three, and four are encouraged, but not required, to wear a face covering in public with the assistance and supervision of an adult, and

WHEREAS individuals may remove face coverings under certain circumstances, including while eating or drinking at a restaurant; while communicating with a person who is deaf or hard of hearing; and while outdoors in public areas, provided that a distance of six feet is maintained from people who are not members of their household, and

WHEREAS, in order to protect the health of our residents and our economy, it is vital for our community to commit to acting in ways that avoid risking our hard-fought progress, and even with the relaxed restrictions, it is more important than ever to engage in activities to prevent the spread of disease, such as maintaining physical distance of six feet from others, practicing good hygiene, staying home when sick, and wearing a face covering, and
WHEREAS cases of COVID-19 in Pierce County are once again on the rise, with an infection rate of 31.5 per 100,000 residents in the last 14 days, as of June 24, 2020, and

WHEREAS, given the widespread community transmission of COVID-19, wearing a face covering over the nose and mouth designed to prevent the spread of respiratory droplets provides an extra layer of protection, especially when one cannot easily keep physical distance from others, and

WHEREAS wearing a face covering protects the health of others in our community, because a significant portion of people who have COVID-19 do not show symptoms and can spread the virus before realizing they are sick, unknowingly endangering the lives of loved ones and essential workers, and

WHEREAS the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ("CDC") and Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department recommend that all people wear face coverings when in public, and

WHEREAS the City of Tacoma received 70,000 masks from our Sister City of Fuzhou, China, and is partnering with local community groups to distribute them to communities within the City in the greatest need through organizations such as shelters for the unhoused, Tacoma Public Schools, community and senior centers, Tacoma community food banks, home healthcare providers, and day care providers, and

WHEREAS public health data shows infection rates disproportionately impact marginalized communities, including American Indian/Alaskan Native,
Asian, Black or African American, Hispanic, and Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander communities, and

WHEREAS, according to the CDC, long-standing systemic health and social inequities have put some members of racial and ethnic minority groups at increased risk of getting COVID-19 or experiencing severe illness, regardless of age, and

WHEREAS, of the 70,000 masks received, 13,800 will specifically be distributed to underrepresented communities most affected by COVID-19, after consultation with and in coordination with community organizations representing and serving these communities, and

WHEREAS the City partners with the Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department to coordinate and amplify public health messages, including messages around wearing masks and practicing social distancing; Now, Therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TACOMA

Section 1. That residents of the City of Tacoma are encouraged to comply with Governor Inslee’s order to wear face coverings or masks when they are in outdoor or indoor public areas, when they do not meet the exemption criteria, especially when they cannot maintain a physical distance of six feet from others.

Section 2. That the City Council will use its influence and communication channels to encourage all residents of the City to wear face coverings in public,
practice good hygiene and sanitation, limit travel, and follow recommendations to reduce the spread of COVID-19.

Adopted ______________________

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Mayor

Attest:

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City Clerk

Approved as to form:

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City Attorney
RESOLUTION NO. 40621

BY REQUEST OF MAYOR WOODARDS, DEPUTY MAYOR BLOCKER, AND COUNCIL MEMBER HUNTER

A RESOLUTION establishing a communications protocol for any death that occurs while an individual is in the custody of Tacoma Police or as the result of the use of deadly force by Tacoma Police.

WHEREAS high-profile cases in Tacoma and across the nation have raised questions regarding the impacts of implicit bias and systemic racism in policing, and lead to calls for increased transparency and communications from law enforcement agencies and the government bodies that oversee them, and

WHEREAS the Equity and Empowerment framework, adopted by the City Council in 2014, makes equity a consistent guiding principle across the entire organization and calls out specific goals to guide operational and policy decisions, including a commitment to equity in policy-making, and

WHEREAS a Black resident of Tacoma, Manuel Ellis, died in Tacoma Police custody during an incident which ensued on March 3, 2020, and

WHEREAS the City Manager and Mayor were notified by Tacoma Police by e-mail on the morning of March 4, 2020, and

WHEREAS, under a City policy establishing independent investigations for deaths in custody, Tacoma Police also communicated that the Pierce County Sheriff’s Department had been asked to handle the investigation of the death, and

WHEREAS a media release from the Pierce County Sheriff’s Office on March 4, 2020, provided notice of the death in custody and an account of the events that took place on March 3, 2020, and
WHEREAS the Tacoma News Tribune reported on the death in custody on March 4, 2020 and March 5, 2020, and

WHEREAS the Pierce County Sheriff’s Office did not provide updates to the Mayor or City Manager related to the status of the investigation until June 2020; according to standard procedures for independent investigations, the Tacoma Police Department did not receive any updates on the substance of the investigation, and

WHEREAS, in a press conference held on June 4, 2020, the Ellis family noted a lack of communication from public officials regarding the death of Mr. Ellis, and indicated a belief that attention was drawn to Mr. Ellis’s case only after their work with the Tacoma Action Collective and their individual efforts to raise awareness; the death of George Floyd; and the rise of demonstration activity across the nation, as well as in Tacoma, and

WHEREAS the City is developing a long-term approach to reforming the City’s criminal justice system and establishing an anti-racist recovery plan, which will involve the City’s Citizen Police Advisory Committee and will incorporate feedback from Tacoma residents, the Project Peace Executive Board, key stakeholders, community leaders, those most impacted by systemic racism, and experts in reform, and

WHEREAS, simultaneously, there are interim policy changes and process improvements which can be implemented immediately to improve transparency and accountability in our criminal justice system, and
WHEREAS establishing a process for communications for any death occurring in police custody or as the result of the use of deadly force by Tacoma police is one such action, and

WHEREAS this communications protocol is intended to be established as an interim process, subject to review and refinement as the City works through a formal and comprehensive reform; Now, Therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TACOMA

Section 1. That the City Council hereby establishes a communication protocol for any death that occurs while an individual is in the custody of Tacoma Police or as the result of the use of deadly force by Tacoma Police. This communications protocol is intended to be established as an interim process, subject to review and refinement as the City works through a formal and comprehensive reform process.

Section 2. That, following any death occurring in police custody or as the result of the use of deadly force by Tacoma Police, the City Manager is hereby directed to take the following actions:

A. Notify the Mayor and City Council of the death as soon as practicable;

B. Provide the Mayor and City Council with an account of events, the names of involved officers, and the race of the decedent as that information is made available;

C. If an independent investigation is required pursuant to state law, the City Manager will seek confirmation as soon practicable from the independent investigation team that a family liaison has been assigned;

D. Provide the Mayor with contact information for the deceased person’s next of kin as soon as possible once the next of kin has been notified of the death of their loved one; and
E. Confirm that any community trauma response team has been advised.

Section 3. That the Mayor shall contact the family of any person who dies in Tacoma police custody within 24 hours of receiving their contact information to express condolences for the family’s loss, and further, that these actions shall be a Mayoral responsibility going forward.

Adopted ____________________

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Mayor

Attest:

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City Clerk

Approved as to form:

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City Attorney
REQUEST OF MAYOR WOODARDS

A RESOLUTION affirming the City Council's dedication and commitment to comprehensive and sustained transformation of all of the institutions, systems, policies, practices, and contracts impacted by systemic racism, with initial priority being given to policing in the City of Tacoma.

WHEREAS our nation was founded on systems of racism and slave labor, beginning in 1619 when the first slaves are known to have been brought to the British colony of Jamestown, Virginia, and

WHEREAS the abolishment of slavery did not end racism nor the dehumanization and disparate treatment of Black Americans, and instead, new systems of control and oppression were put in place, institutionalizing racism in both the nation's systems and our cultural norms, and

WHEREAS the United States has engaged in more than 150 years of work to reform societal structures and restore civil rights and social justice, yet full equity has not been achieved, and

WHEREAS, over the course of modern history, high-profile cases across the nation and in Tacoma have repeatedly raised questions regarding the impacts of implicit bias and systemic racism in institutions across all sectors, including policing, and have led to calls for increased transparency and communications from police agencies and the government bodies that oversee them and other public services, and

WHEREAS, on February 20, 2007, at the recommendation of the City's Human Rights Commission and pursuant to Ordinance No. 27589, the City
Council adopted TMC 1.06.075.B.1, creating and clarifying the role of a Citizen Review Panel, which is currently known as the Citizen Police Advisory Committee (“CPAC”), and

WHEREAS CPAC is a policy-focused board whose role is to ensure transparency and accountability in the way that the City of Tacoma Police Department (“TPD”) operates, and

WHEREAS CPAC’s duties and responsibilities include reviewing police policy at the request of the City Council or City Manager, and providing community outreach and education through public hearings and committee efforts, and

WHEREAS the Equity and Empowerment framework, adopted by the City Council in 2014, makes equity a consistent guiding principle across the City of Tacoma and calls out specific goals to guide the City’s operational and policy decisions, including a commitment to equity in policy making, and

WHEREAS, in January 2015, the City established an Office of Equity and Human Rights, with a mission to achieve equity in City service delivery, decision-making and community engagement by identifying and eliminating the underlying drivers within our community that perpetuate racial inequity and provide opportunity and advancement for all, and

WHEREAS, in 2015, Project PEACE was generated in response to community concerns about nationwide police-related conflicts to build trust, relationships, and understanding between community members and law enforcement officers in the Tacoma area, and
WHEREAS, through the work of Project PEACE, more than 800 community
members, police officers and City staff took part in six community-wide
conversations, resulting in a 2016 report which identified recommendations under
11 categories, and is work which continues today, and

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020, Mayor Woodards launched the
Compassionate Tacoma initiative, which calls on all leaders, businesses, and
residents to commit to making Tacoma a more welcoming, connected, resilient,
and vibrant community by listening and serving others with love, and

WHEREAS City Council Members have publicly expressed their support of
this initiative, and its core values provide a foundation for how the City can engage
in the work of ensuring equity and justice, and

WHEREAS, through past engagements such as the work done by Project
PEACE and grassroots violence prevention efforts, community members have
demonstrated their desire and ability to engage with compassion in difficult
conversations in order to gain understanding and effect lasting change that
increases equitable outcomes, and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the City Manager and the Mayor of
Tacoma, pursuant to Chapter 1.10 of the Tacoma Municipal Code and
Chapter 38.52 of the Revised Code of Washington, proclaimed that an emergency
exists caused by COVID-19 (“Proclamation”) in the City of Tacoma, and confirmed
by the City Council on March 17, 2020, and

WHEREAS COVID-19 has shined a light on the deep need for more
equitable systems, as “Long-standing systemic health and social inequities have
put some members of racial and ethnic minority groups at increased risk of getting COVID-19 or experiencing severe illness, regardless of age;“1 and

WHEREAS worldwide demonstrations on systemic racism and brutality in policing renewed after the killings of Ahmaud Arbery, an unarmed Black man living in Glynn County, Georgia, on February 23, 2020; of Breonna Taylor, an unarmed Black woman living in Louisville, Kentucky on March 13, 2020; and of George Floyd, an unarmed Black man in living in Minneapolis, Minnesota, on May 25, 2020, and

WHEREAS Manuel Ellis, a 33-year old Black father, brother and son, died in Tacoma Police custody on March 3, 2020, and the Tacoma News Tribune published on June 3rd that the Pierce County medical examiner’s report concluded that Mr. Ellis’s death was by homicide and that the cause was from a lack of oxygen due to physical restraint, and

WHEREAS increasing community demands for reforms have been seen at an unprecedented scale, with daily, peaceful demonstrations across the City of up to 10,000 people calling for equitable justice and other reforms that would ensure that residents of every race and in every geographic area of the City may have equal access to those conditions which create a sense of safety, and

WHEREAS, these losses of life, as well as the countless others lost to the impacts of systemic racism on public health and safety, are evidence of the limited impacts made by reform efforts, not only in Tacoma, but across the nation, and

WHEREAS disparities by race continue to be seen across the nation and in Tacoma in almost every measure of human health and wellbeing, including perceptions of safety, incarceration and arrest rates, risk of death from homicide, annual income, net worth, access to education, and key indicators of public health, such as maternal and infant mortality, heart disease, and diabetes, and

WHEREAS we, as a City, mourn every loss of life, and

WHEREAS the institutions and systems formed to protect human life, health, and wellbeing have failed to do so equitably, despite more than 150 years of work to reform societal structures and restore civil rights and social justice, and

WHEREAS the Tacoma Mayor and City Council acknowledged the failure of reform efforts to result in equitable outcomes at the June 23, 2020, Committee of the Whole meeting, described the inequitable current state as unacceptable, and thereby called for a need to transform all of the institutions, systems, policies, and practices impacted by systemic racism, with initial priority placed on policing in the City of Tacoma, and

WHEREAS the City acknowledges that the challenges of dismantling more than 400 years of systemic racism to ensure measurable improvements in the equitable health and wellbeing of all members of the community is an adaptive leadership challenge that will require a radical reimagining of institutions and an innovative and collaborative response, and

WHEREAS, at the June 23, 2020, Committee of the Whole meeting, the Mayor and City Council discussion acknowledged a need for this transformation to begin with creating a shared community understanding of what it means to feel
safe, and acknowledged that the conditions that create a sense of safety may be vastly different for various members of our community, and

WHEREAS institutions and systems of the United States, including local governments, have been operating under the influence of racism for centuries, and we, as the City of Tacoma, should not endeavor to transform our systems without first listening to the voices of those which have been marginalized, silenced, or ignored, nor without incorporating the advice of experts in the field of reform and

WHEREAS, at the June 23, 2020, Committee of the Whole meeting, the Mayor and City Council highlighted a need for this work to be community-led, driven by the best practices of reform as defined by national experts, informed by the foundational work of CPAC and Project PEACE, and that it should engage local leaders in this work, including members of the CPAC and Project PEACE Executive Board, and

WHEREAS collective efforts are required for collective change, and to effectively address the root causes of racial inequity named by the Mayor and City Council members at the June 23, 2020, Committee of the Whole meeting, including education, poverty, housing, mental health, economic opportunity and more, a need was expressed to engage and collaborate with all organizations across all sectors in the work of transformation, and

WHEREAS community members serving at all levels in business, faith organizations, education, environment, public health, utilities, libraries, housing, social services, government, police services, and more have acknowledged the
inequities perpetuated by racial injustice and expressed their commitment to transformative change, and

WHEREAS leaders across many of these sectors have specifically committed to reimagining community safety, looking at innovative ways that safety could be enhanced, convening conversations on how each agency has a role and can support behavioral health, establishing social service programs that are both preventative and serve acute needs, and creating opportunities to rethink safety in schools, libraries, parks, and other public spaces, and

WHEREAS to successfully change systems, we must engage with a deep understanding of the needs they serve and their policies, practices, contracts, and administration, and

WHEREAS the TPD performs many necessary public safety services within our community that add to quality of life in Tacoma, and they have had an active role in community conversations and work related to justice and reform, and

WHEREAS effectively transforming our systems of policing will require a process that engages with personnel at every level of the TPD to assess our current state, ensures that staffing models provide the ability for officers to both protect and serve through authentic and community-oriented policing, and looks for ways that we can innovate and assist police officers on the front line by identifying alternate models for engaging with emergency calls for service related to societal issues outside of police officers’ core training, such as homelessness and mental health crises, and
WHEREAS transformation cannot be done effectively through policy alone, but also requires hiring, training, and accountability systems that align to ensure just outcomes, and

WHEREAS an unprecedented act of transformation is an adaptive leadership challenge, where learning is required in each stage of defining the problem, seeking a solution, and working to implement the solutions generated, and

WHEREAS this will require all involved to learn, change, and grow throughout the process, and potentially require those involved or impacted to, “give up things they hold dear: daily habits, loyalties, ways of thinking,” and

WHEREAS creating and implementing in an innovative model of collaboration and community engagement that is effective, authentic, and transparent will require substantive resources and time, the scale of which are currently undetermined, and

WHEREAS the City acknowledges that it is undertaking this historic work of sustained and comprehensive transformation concurrently with the unprecedented challenges of COVID-19 on public and economic health, and

WHEREAS, while acknowledging these challenges, at the June 23, 2020, Committee of the Whole meeting, the Mayor and City Council expressed an aspiration to create an effective model of transformation, tailored to the specific needs of the Tacoma community, that could set a standard for the nation, and

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2 Heifetz, Ronald A. Leadership without Easy Answers, 1994, p. 76.
3 https://hbr.org/2002/06/a-survival-guide-for-leaders
WHEREAS state and federal government elected leaders and the agencies they oversee are responsible for enacting legislation, allocating funding, and establishing administrative procedures that can have either disparate or anti-racist impacts, and

WHEREAS Washington State and the United States government are currently taking action on funding, legislation, policies, and legislative procedures that address justice and accountability in policing, and these actions will certainly impact residents of the City of Tacoma, and

WHEREAS the Mayor and City Council hereby affirm their dedication and commit to comprehensive and sustained transformation of all of the institutions, systems, policies, practices, and contracts impacted by systemic racism, with initial priority being given to policing in the City of Tacoma, and

WHEREAS the Mayor and City Council commit to a comprehensive transformation process that will establish new practices based on community and expert opinion, as well as past reform efforts, centering the voices of those most impacted by systemic racism; Now, Therefore,

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

Section 1. That the City Manager is hereby directed to keep anti-racism as a top priority in the process of budget development and prioritize anti-racism in the planning of an economic recovery strategy following COVID-19.

Section 2. That the City Manager is hereby directed to prioritize anti-racism in the evaluation of new policies and programs, as well as the sustained and
comprehensive transformation of existing services, with initial priority being given to policing.

Section 3. That the City Manager is hereby directed to assess the current state of systems in place at the Tacoma Police Department in consultation with police reform experts, and give specific attention to how current policies and existing studies, agency composition, hiring, promotions, staffing levels, training, and accountability systems align to create just outcomes and use this assessment as a foundation for the work of comprehensive transformation.

Section 4. That the City Manager is hereby directed to actively seek and implement interim administrative changes and process improvements that can legally be taken immediately to improve transparency and accountability in policing.

Section 5. That the City Manager is hereby directed to work with the Mayor and City Council to build a legislative platform at the local, state, and
federal levels that works to transform institutions impacted by systemic racism
for the greater equity and wellbeing of all residents of Tacoma, Washington
State, and the United States.

Adopted ________________

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Mayor

Attest:

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City Clerk

Approved as to form:

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City Attorney
ORDINANCE NO. 28677

BY REQUEST OF COUNCIL MEMBER HUNTER

AN ORDINANCE amending Amended Substitute Ordinance No. 28624, relating to Firearms and Ammunition Tax, to change the effective date of the tax from July 1, 2020, to a date to-be-determined by City Council in January 2021, and provide for review by the City Council in January 2021, the requirements for gathering information, conducting community and stakeholder outreach, and reports to the City Council, and making this ordinance retroactive to July 1, 2020.

WHEREAS the City Council passed Amended Substitute Ordinance No. 28624 on November 12, 2019, and

WHEREAS the amended Subtitle 6A of the Municipal Code, relating to Tax Code, added a new Chapter 6A.120, entitled “Firearms and Ammunition Tax,” (“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, and

WHEREAS the purpose of the Tax is 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, effective July 1, 2020, and

WHEREAS the Ordinance also required the City Manager to make recommendations, by February 8, 2020, on potential partnerships and programming to reduce youth and young adult gun violence, a gun buyback program, local, state, and federal legislative priorities, and to conduct a review and report to the City Council, by May 25, 2020, regarding: (1) revenue generated from the tax; (2) changes in B & O taxes received from tax within City limits; (3) factual information on businesses closed after the effective date of the ordinance; (4) a list
of programs, projects, initiatives, and other efforts funded with the tax revenue; 
(5) the number of firearm-involved criminal offenses in the City during the 
preceding 12 month period; and (6) multiple actions including review of existing 
gun and youth violence reduction groups, convening a workgroup to include 
representatives from Tacoma Public Schools (“TPS”), Tacoma based firearms 
manufacturers and retailers, community partners, City staff, and members of the 
Tacoma Police Department (“TPD”), review of best practices to address gun and 
youth violence reduction, and review and presentation of fiscal analysis to include 
costs of expending current programs and fiscal impact of any future firearms and 
ammunition tax on local gun vendors and manufacturers, and 

WHEREAS, on February 13, 2020, Assistant City Manager Tadd Wille 
proposed the following recommendations to the Community, Vitality, and Safety 
Committee: (1) potential partnerships and engagement to expand services and 
grassroots efforts to improve the social intervention network, engage key subject 
matter experts, identify, convene and mobilize the Community Advisory 
Committee, and select a fiscal agent to administer funding for grassroots efforts; 
(2) programs to reduce youth violence, which would include provider service 
delivery efficacy, community skills and spheres of influence, the scope and scale of 
issues being addressed, challenging old thinking and norms around this work and 
revising approaches to improve outcomes, and develop outcomes aligned with 
performance indicators; and (3) not proceeding with a gun buyback program, and
WHEREAS due to the current State of Emergency related to the COVID-19 pandemic ("Emergency"), staff was unable to convene community workgroups and gather information that was required to be reported to the City Council by May 25, 2020, and

WHEREAS during the Emergency, the City is focusing its resources on its emergency response, as well as essential City services, and

WHEREAS given the uncertainty around the duration of the Emergency, it is unknown when the community workgroups could be scheduled and convened, and

WHEREAS changing the City Manager's report date from May 25, 2020, to a future date, and moving the implementation date of the Tax to a date to-be-determined by the Council in January 2021, will allow additional time for review by the City Council in January 2021 of the requirements for gathering information, conducting community and stakeholder outreach, and reports to the City Council, and

WHEREAS without a retroactivity clause, and in the ordinary course of legislative process, this Ordinance would not go into effect until July 13, 2021; so that no new tax is collected based on the original effective date of July 1, 2020, this ordinance will be retroactively applied to July 1, 2020; Now, Therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF TACOMA:

Section 1. That the City Council hereby adopts the Recitals of this Ordinance as its formal legislative findings.
Section 2. That Amended Substitute Ordinance No. 28624, relating to “Firearms and Ammunition Tax,” (Tax”) is hereby Amended to change the effective date of the Tax from July 1, 2020, to a date to-be-determined.

Section 3. That a requirement for a report by May 25, 2020, is canceled, and a meeting by the City Council in January of 2021 will allow for review of the requirements of gathering information, conducting community and stakeholder outreach, and reports to City Council.

Section 4. That this ordinance shall have retroactive effect as of July 1, 2020.

Section 5. That the City Clerk, in consultation with the City Attorney, is authorized to make necessary corrections to this ordinance, including, but not limited to, the correction of scrivener’s/clerical errors, references, ordinance numbering, section/subsection numbers, and any references thereto.

Passed __________________________

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Mayor

Attest:

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City Clerk

Approved as to form:

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City Attorney

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