



## Legislation Passed April 20, 2021

The Tacoma City Council, at its regular City Council meeting of April 20, 2021, 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. 40773**

A resolution appointing, reappointing, and reassigning individuals to the Commission on Immigrant and Refugee Affairs.

[Doris Sorum, City Clerk; Bill Fosbre, City Attorney]

### **Resolution No. 40774**

A resolution authorizing the execution of a Multi-Family Housing 12-Year Limited Property Tax Exemption Agreement with Louis Rudolph Homes LLC, for the development of 12 multi-family market-rate and affordable rental housing units, located at 1618 and 1620 South "G" Street, in the Downtown Regional Growth Center.

[Debbie Bingham, Project Manager; Jeff Robinson, Director, Community and Economic Development]

### **Resolution No. 40775**

A resolution authorizing the execution of a Multi-Family Housing 12-Year Limited Property Tax Exemption Agreement with Stan and Sarah Rumbaugh, for the development of eight multi-family market-rate and affordable rental housing units, located at 611 South Anderson Street, in the Sixth Avenue Mixed-Use Center.

[Debbie Bingham, Project Manager; Jeff Robinson, Director, Community and Economic Development]

### **Resolution No. 40776**

A resolution reducing the City's municipal carbon footprint by restricting the use of natural gas and new fossil fuel for existing buildings and future capital investments, encouraging other local jurisdictions to do the same, and assessing impacts for imposing the same restrictions on new commercial and residential construction, effective, January 1, 2022.

[James G. Parvey, P.E., Environmental Policy and Sustainability Division Manager; Michael P. Slevin III, P.E., Director, Environmental Services]

### **Ordinance No. 28675**

An ordinance vacating a portion of the alleyway between South 67th and South 69th Streets, and South Adams Street and vacated Durango Street, to facilitate contiguous commercial development of three adjacent parcels.

(Four Dogs and Pepper LLC, formerly listed as The Humane Society for Tacoma and Pierce County; File No. 124.1407)

[Jeff H. Capell, Hearing Examiner]

**Ordinance No. 28753**

An ordinance reclassifying approximately 12,000 square feet of real property, located at 7904 Pacific Avenue, from an R-2 Single-Family Dwelling District to a C-1 General Neighborhood Commercial District, to allow for the construction of a 12-unit apartment building with parking and landscaping.

(Royal Construction Group, LLC; File No. LU20-0241)

[Jeff H. Capell, Hearing Examiner]

**Ordinance No. 28755**

(First and Final Reading) An ordinance adopting additional findings; amending the declaration of emergency granted pursuant to Ordinance No. 28430, and amended by Ordinance Nos. 28457, 28477, 28565, 28637; declaring support of Pierce County and the Tacoma Pierce County Coalition to End Homelessness; directing the City Manager to ensure appropriate staff participate in Pierce County's Ad Hoc Committee, in developing a countywide Comprehensive Plan to End Homelessness over the next six months; and declaring an emergency, and making necessary the passage of this ordinance, and it's taking effect immediately.

[Mayor Woodards]



## RESOLUTION NO. 40773

1 BY REQUEST OF DEPUTY MAYOR BLOCKER AND COUNCIL  
2 MEMBERS BEALE, HINES, AND USHKA

3 A RESOLUTION relating to committees, boards, and commissions; appointing,  
4 reappointing, and reassigning individuals to the Commission on  
Immigrant and Refugee Affairs.

5 WHEREAS vacancies exist on the Commission on Immigrant and  
6 Refugee Affairs, and

7 WHEREAS, at its meeting of April 8, 2021, the Community Vitality and  
8 Safety Committee conducted interviews and recommended the appointment and  
9 reappointment of individuals to said commission, and  
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11 WHEREAS a vacancy on the commission occurred, automatically  
12 reassigning Patricia Flores from the "Alternate" position to a "Member" position,  
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15 WHEREAS, pursuant to City Charter Section 2.4, the persons named on  
16 Exhibit "A" have been nominated to serve on the Commission on Immigrant and  
17 Refugee Affairs; Now, Therefore,

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

19 That those nominees to the Commission on Immigrant and Refugee  
20 Affairs, listed on Exhibit "A," are hereby confirmed and appointed, reappointed,  
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1 or reassigned as members of such commission for such terms as are set forth on  
2 the attached Exhibit "A."

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4 Adopted \_\_\_\_\_

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Mayor

7 Attest:

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City Clerk

10 Approved as to form:

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**EXHIBIT "A"**

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**COMMISSION ON IMMIGRANT AND REFUGEE AFFAIRS**

Appointing **Alma Villegas** to fill an unexpired term to expire March 31, 2023.

Appointing **Lydia Zepeda** to fill an unexpired term to expire March 31, 2023.

Appointing **Emani Donaldson** to serve a three-year term, retroactive to April 1, 2021, to expire March 31, 2024.

Reappointing **Hieu Nguyen** to serve a three-year term, retroactive to April 1, 2021, to expire March 31, 2024.

Reassigning **Patricia Flores** from the "Alternate" position to a "Member" position for a term to expire March 31, 2023.



## RESOLUTION NO. 40774

1 A RESOLUTION relating to the multi-family property tax exemption program;  
 2 authorizing the execution of a Multi-Family Housing 12-Year Limited  
 3 Property Tax Exemption Agreement with Louis Rudolph Homes LLC, for  
 4 the development of 12 multi-family market-rate and affordable rental  
 housing units to be located at 1618 and 1620 South "G" Street in the  
 Downtown Regional Growth Center.

5 WHEREAS the City has, pursuant to chapter 84.14 of the Revised Code of  
 6 Washington, designated several Residential Target Areas for the allowance of a  
 7 limited property tax exemption for new multi-family residential housing, and

8 WHEREAS the City has, through Ordinance No. 25789, enacted a program  
 9 whereby property owners in Residential Target Areas may qualify for a Final  
 10 Certificate of Tax Exemption which certifies to the Pierce County  
 11 Assessor-Treasurer that the owner is eligible to receive a limited property tax  
 12 exemption, and  
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14 WHEREAS Louis Rudolph Homes LLC is proposing to develop 12 new  
 15 market-rate and affordable rental housing units to consist of:  
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Number of Units	Type of Unit	Average Size	Expected Rental Rate
Market Rate			
4	One bedroom, one bath	422 Square Feet	\$1,250
5	Two bedroom, two bath	1,120 Square Feet	\$1,750
Affordable Rate			
2	One bedroom, one bath	422 Square Feet	\$1,385, including utilities
1	Two bedroom, two bath	1,120 Square Feet	\$1,558, including utilities

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22 WHEREAS the Director of Community and Economic Development has  
 23 reviewed the proposed property tax exemption and recommends that a  
 24 conditional property tax exemption be awarded for the property located at  
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1618 and 1620 South "G" Street in the Downtown Regional Growth Center, as  
1 more particularly described in the attached Exhibit "A"; Now, Therefore,

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

3 Section 1. That the City Council does hereby approve and authorize a  
4 conditional property tax exemption, for a period of 12 years, to Louis Rudolph  
5 Homes LLC, for the property located at 1618 and 1620 South "G" Street in the  
6 Downtown Regional Growth Center, as more particularly described in the attached  
7 Exhibit "A."  
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9 Section 2. That the proper officers of the City are authorized to execute a  
10 Multi-Family Housing 12-Year Limited Property Tax Exemption Agreement with  
11 Louis Rudolph Homes LLC, said document to be substantially in the form of the  
12 proposed agreement on file in the office of the City Clerk.  
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Chief Surveyor  
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**EXHIBIT "A"**

**LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

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Tax Parcel Nos.: 201614-0050 and 201614-0060

Legal Description:

That portion of the Northeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 05, Township 20 North, Range 03 East of the Willamette Meridian, more particularly described as follows:

Lots 9 and 10, Block 1614, Map of New Tacoma, Washington Territory, according to the plat thereof filed for record February 3, 1875 in the Office of the County Auditor, in Tacoma, Pierce County, Washington.

Together with the Easterly 10 feet of alley abutting thereon, vacated by Ordinance Number 2425 of the City of Tacoma.

Situate in the City of Tacoma, County of Pierce, State of Washington.





## RESOLUTION NO. 40775

1 A RESOLUTION relating to the multi-family property tax exemption program;  
 2 authorizing the execution of a Multi-Family Housing 12-Year Limited  
 3 Property Tax Exemption Agreement with Stan and Sarah Rumbaugh, for the  
 4 development of eight multi-family market-rate and affordable rental housing  
 units to be located at 611 South Anderson Street in the Sixth Avenue  
 Mixed-Use Center.

5 WHEREAS the City has, pursuant to chapter 84.14 of the Revised Code of  
 6 Washington, designated several Residential Target Areas for the allowance of a  
 7 limited property tax exemption for new multi-family residential housing, and

8 WHEREAS the City has, through Ordinance No. 25789, enacted a program  
 9 whereby property owners in Residential Target Areas may qualify for a Final  
 10 Certificate of Tax Exemption which certifies to the Pierce County  
 11 Assessor-Treasurer that the owner is eligible to receive a limited property tax  
 12 exemption, and  
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14 WHEREAS Stan and Sarah Rumbaugh are proposing to develop eight new  
 15 market-rate and affordable rental housing units to consist of:  
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Number of Units	Type of Unit	Average Size	Expected Rental Rate
Market Rate			
3	One bedroom, one bath	480 Square Feet	\$1,100
3	Two bedroom, two bath	992 Square Feet	\$1,900
Affordable Rate			
1	One bedroom, one bath	480 Square Feet	\$1,385, including utility allowance
1	Two bedroom, two bath	992 Square Feet	\$1,558, including utility allowance

17 as well as four on-site residential parking stalls, and  
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22 WHEREAS the Director of Community and Economic Development has  
 23 reviewed the proposed property tax exemption and recommends that a conditional  
 24 property tax exemption be awarded for the property located at 611 South Anderson  
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Street in the Sixth Avenue Mixed-Use Center, as more particularly described in the attached Exhibit "A"; Now, Therefore,

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

Section 1. That the City Council does hereby approve and authorize a conditional property tax exemption, for a period of 12 years, to Stan and Sarah Rumbaugh, for the property located at 611 South Anderson Street in the Sixth Avenue Mixed-Use Center, as more particularly described in the attached Exhibit "A."

Section 2. That the proper officers of the City are authorized to execute a Multi-Family Housing 12-Year Limited Property Tax Exemption Agreement with Stan and Sarah Rumbaugh, said document to be substantially in the form of the proposed agreement 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:

Legal description approved:

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Deputy City Attorney

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**EXHIBIT "A"**

**LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

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Tax Parcel: 9100000903

Legal Description:

That portion of the Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 06, Township 20 North, Range 03 East of the Willamette Meridian, more particularly described as follows:

Lots 6 and 7, Block 8, Tisdale Addition to New Tacoma, according to the plat thereof recorded in Volume 1 of Plats, Page 49, records of Pierce County, Washington;

Except the South 6 feet of Lot 7 of said Block 8.

Situate in the City of Tacoma, County of Pierce, State of Washington.

(Also known as Parcel 'B' of City of Tacoma Boundary Line Adjustment No. LU16-0289 recorded under recording number 201801125002, records of Pierce County Auditor.)



## RESOLUTION NO. 40776

1 BY REQUEST OF MAYOR WOODARDS AND COUNCIL MEMBERS BEALE  
2 AND WALKER

3 A RESOLUTION relating to reducing the City's municipal carbon footprint by  
4 restricting the use of natural gas and new fossil fuel for existing City  
5 buildings and future City capital investments, encouraging other local  
6 jurisdictions to do the same, and assessing impacts for imposing the  
7 same restrictions on new commercial and residential construction.

8 WHEREAS the 11th United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate  
9 Change ("IPCC") report from October 2018 states that we have only until 2030 to  
10 limit devastating global warming and avoid a climate catastrophe, and

11 WHEREAS globally and locally, Black, Indigenous, and people of color  
12 communities and low-income communities are most vulnerable to the financial and  
13 human health stresses or shocks resulting from climate damage, and are  
14 disproportionately impacted, and

15 WHEREAS the climate crisis poses an imminent, existential threat to all life  
16 on Earth that demands timely action at the scale and speed necessary to mitigate  
17 harm to all people, including the residents of the City of Tacoma, and

18 WHEREAS, in December 2019, the City declared a Climate Emergency  
19 through Resolution No. 40509, which articulates the aspirational goal of "seeking a  
20 path to making City operations carbon-neutral by 2050," and requested the City  
21 Manager to identify and propose sustainable funding mechanisms for actions  
22 described in the Environmental Action Plan, including building electrification, and

23 WHEREAS the City's 2016 Greenhouse Gas Inventory identifies combined  
24 emissions from the City's municipal buildings and fleet contribute approximately  
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28 percent of overall municipal emissions, and we know that we cannot meet our  
1 municipal and community carbon reduction goals without tackling clean  
2 transportation and clean buildings as we move forward, and

3           WHEREAS, in Washington State, homes and buildings are the single fastest  
4 growing source of carbon pollution, up 50 percent since 1990, and now account for  
5 27 percent of Washington’s carbon emissions, and

6           WHEREAS Tacoma Public Utilities provides customers in Tacoma plentiful,  
7 non-fossil fuel generated, and comparatively affordable electricity for powering its  
8 municipal operations, maintenance, and growth, along with all of its community-  
9 wide electricity needs, and  
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11           WHEREAS the City has the opportunity to lead by example to make  
12 decisive, transformative, and sustainable changes in its municipal energy  
13 consumption, and can significantly lower the City’s greenhouse gas emissions and  
14 overall carbon impact, and  
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16           WHEREAS investments that make it easier and safer for people to ride the  
17 bus, walk, bike, and roll often have the added benefit of not only reducing carbon  
18 emissions, but improving affordable access to jobs, education and services,  
19 reducing stormwater pollution and local air pollution, improving physical activity, and  
20 supporting local, living wage construction and operation jobs, and  
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22           WHEREAS the City encourages the use of non-motorized travel to and from  
23 City facilities, including a Commute Trip Reduction program for employees, and  
24 through the use of investments of safe biking and walking infrastructure around City  
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1 buildings, parking for bicycles or other shared mobility services, transit passes for  
2 employees, and comfortable and ADA-compliant sidewalks around all facilities, and

3 WHEREAS the City supports a legislative agenda that advances  
4 decarbonization through increased electrification of energy use, and

5 WHEREAS the City already follows state law, RCW 43.19.648 and  
6 Chapter 194-29 WAC, which requires clean vehicles and fuels and describes  
7 “practicable use of electricity and biofuels to fuel local government vehicles,  
8 vessels, and construction equipment,” and

9 WHEREAS planning for clean energy in City assets represents a sound  
10 investment of the City’s resources into long-term infrastructure that is in line with its  
11 carbon reduction goals, and

12 WHEREAS vulnerable, underrepresented, and historically oppressed  
13 communities in the City, including low-income communities and those with  
14 pre-existing medical conditions, along with Black, Indigenous, and people of color  
15 communities are disproportionately harmed by indoor pollution (including from gas  
16 stoves) and outdoor air pollution, and have less access to healthcare and resources  
17 to mitigate this impact; Now Therefore,

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

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22 Section 1. That the City Manager is directed to require all new City-owned  
23 buildings and major renovations of existing City buildings within the City of Tacoma  
24 to exclude natural gas and other fossil fuel energy sources for heating, lighting, and  
25 power, and use low carbon fuels such as biodiesel, renewable diesel, renewable  
26 natural gas, electrolytic hydrogen, and electricity or other electricity derived fuels



1 generated from sustainable and renewable resources; except where exemptions  
2 are necessary due to reliability and resiliency of resources, technical or cost  
3 infeasibility. This policy will become effective January 1, 2022.

4 Section 2. That the City Manager is directed to inventory City-owned facilities  
5 within the City of Tacoma that use fossil fuels and evaluate the feasibility of  
6 retrofitting existing buildings to low-emission sources by 2030. This inventory and  
7 evaluation will make use of existing reports and data to prepare recommendations  
8 regarding feasibility and life-cycle costs. The report will be completed by January 1,  
9 2023, and a presentation will be made to the Infrastructure, Planning and  
10 Sustainability (“IPS”) Committee.  
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12 Section 3. That the City Manager is directed to develop a plan to retrofit  
13 each City-owned parking facility and building within the City of Tacoma with electric  
14 vehicle (“EV”) charging stations by 2030. This plan will be completed by January 1,  
15 2023, and a report will be made to the IPS Committee. Zero-emission,  
16 low-emission, or non-motorized vehicles will be prioritized in all new vehicle  
17 purchases whenever:  
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- 19 A. Suitable equipment exists for the duty;
- 20 B. Gross vehicle weight is less than 19,501 pounds (Class 5 vehicles and  
21 lower). The necessity and type of exemptions will be reviewed in  
22 conjunction with updates to the Environmental Action Plan;
- 23 C. Life Cycle Cost Analysis shows the premium at less than 10 percent; and
- 24 D. Suitable EV-charging or other infrastructure to recharge or fuel  
25 equipment is in place, or anticipated to be, preferably at the equipment’s  
26 assigned stationary location.

25 Consideration of the addition of EV charging equipment at such stationary  
26 locations will be considered in decision-making.



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Section 4. That the City will encourage other local entities, such as the County, school districts, and major institutions, to join in this step to invest in clean energy assets by adopting similar policies.

Section 5. That the City Manager is directed to complete an impact assessment of requiring non-fossil fuel sourced heating, lighting, and power in new commercial and residential development in the City, and will report back to the IPS Committee by January 1, 2023, with findings, including stakeholder involvement, that will look at potential opportunities and challenges related to:

- Public health and safety;
- Economic costs and savings;
- Technical feasibility;
- Legal implications;
- Labor and workforce;
- Operations;
- Housing affordability; and
- Equity.

Adopted \_\_\_\_\_

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City Clerk

Approved as to form:

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Chief Deputy City Attorney





## ORDINANCE NO. 28675

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3 AN ORDINANCE related to the vacation of City right-of-way; vacating a portion  
4 of the alleyway between South 67th Street and South 69th Street, and  
5 South Adams Street and vacated Durango Street, to facilitate  
6 contiguous commercial development of three adjacent parcels; and  
7 adopting the Hearing Examiner's Findings, Conclusions, and  
8 Recommendations related thereto.

9 WHEREAS all steps and proceedings required by law and by  
10 resolution of the City Council to vacate the portion of the right-of-way  
11 hereinafter described have been duly taken and performed; Now, Therefore,

12 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF TACOMA:

13 Section 1. That the City Council hereby adopts the Hearing Examiner's  
14 Findings, Conclusions, and Recommendations as contained in the Hearing  
15 Examiner's Report and Recommendation to the City Council bearing File  
16 No. 124.1407 and dated April 24, 2020, which Report is on file in the office of  
17 the City Clerk.  
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Section 2. That a portion of the alleyway between South 67th Street and South 69th Street, and South Adams Street and vacated Durango Street, legally described as follows:

The 20-foot wide alleyway lying between and abutting Lots 3 through 21, Block 24 and Lots 3 through 21, Block 25, Plat of Villa Park, filed August, 4, 1890 at Volume 5, Pages 60 and 61, records of Pierce County, Washington.

All situate in the City of Tacoma, County of Pierce, State of Washington; within the Northeast Quarter of Section 25, Township 20 North, Range 2 East, of the Willamette Meridian;

is hereby vacated, and the land so vacated is hereby surrendered and attached to the property bordering thereon, as a part thereof, and all right or title of the City in and to the portion of the right-of-way so vacated does hereby vest in the owners of the property abutting thereon, all in the manner provided by law; provided, however, that there is hereby retained and



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reserved, pursuant to the statutes of the state of Washington, the following easements, to-wit:

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

A City utility easement over the westerly portion of the vacated right of way, 4.7 feet wide at the southerly end and 6.3 feet wide at the northerly end, will be granted in a separate document as a condition precedent to finalizing the vacation ordinance.

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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 the alleyway between South 67th Street and South 69th Street, and South Adams Street and vacated Durango Street  
Petitioner: Four Dogs and Pepper LLC  
Vacation Req. No. 124.1407



## ORDINANCE NO. 28753

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3 AN ORDINANCE relating to zoning; changing the zoning classification of  
4 approximately 12,000 square feet of real property located at  
5 7904 Pacific Avenue from an R-2 Single-Family Dwelling District to a  
6 C-1 General Neighborhood Commercial District, to allow for the  
7 construction of a 12-unit apartment building with parking and  
8 landscaping.

9 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF TACOMA:

10 Section 1. That the City Council hereby adopts the Hearing  
11 Examiner's Findings, Conclusions, and Recommendations contained in the  
12 Hearing Examiner's Report dated March 10, 2021, bearing File  
13 No. HEX2021-002 (LU20-0241), which Report is on file in the office of the  
14 City Clerk.

15 Section 2. That the approximately 12,000 square feet of real  
16 property located at 7904 Pacific Avenue shall be hereafter included in the  
17 C-1 General Neighborhood Commercial District governed by Tacoma  
18 Municipal Code 13.06.030.C.2:  
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LOT 1 AND 2, AND THE EAST 20 FEET OF LOT 3,  
BLOCK 3, SMITH'S ADDITION TO THE CITY OF  
TACOMA, W.T., ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF  
RECORDED IN VOLUME 2 OF PLATS, PAGE 60,  
RECORDS OF PIERCE COUNTY, WASHINGTON.

SITUATE IN THE CITY OF TACOMA, COUNTY OF  
PIERCE, STATE OF WASHINGTON.

Section 3. That the above-described property shall hereafter no longer  
be governed by Tacoma Municipal Code 13.06.020.C.3, R-2 Single-Family  
Dwelling District.

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Mayor

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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: Approximately 12,000 square feet of real property located at  
7904 Pacific Avenue  
Petitioner: Royal Construction Group, LLC  
Request No.: LU20-0241



## ORDINANCE NO. 28755

1 BY REQUEST OF MAYOR WOODARDS, DEPUTY MAYOR BLOCKER, AND  
2 COUNCIL MEMBER HINES

3 AN ORDINANCE relating to public health and safety; adopting additional findings;  
4 amending the declaration of emergency granted pursuant to Ordinance  
5 No. 28430, and as subsequently amended by Ordinance Nos. 28457,  
6 28477, 28565, and 28637; declaring the Mayor and City Council's support of  
7 Pierce County and the Tacoma Pierce County Coalition to End  
8 Homelessness; directing the City Manager to ensure appropriate City staff  
9 participation in Pierce County's Ad Hoc Committee, established to develop a  
10 countywide, Comprehensive Plan to End Homelessness over the next six  
11 months; and declaring an emergency, making necessary the passage of this  
12 ordinance, and it's taking effect immediately.

13 WHEREAS, in 2017, the City Council enacted Ordinance No. 28430  
14 ("Emergency Ordinance"), declaring a state of emergency related to the conditions  
15 of homeless encampments and authorizing such actions are reasonable and  
16 necessary to mitigate the conditions giving rise to the public emergency, and

17 WHEREAS, upon issuance of the declaration of emergency, the City began  
18 implementation of a Temporary Emergency Aid and Shelter Plan, with an  
19 estimated cost of \$3.4 million through December 2017, and

20 WHEREAS, in late 2017, the City Council determined that the conditions  
21 giving rise to the public emergency were still present, and passed Ordinance  
22 No. 28457, extending the declaration of emergency through December 31, 2017,  
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24 WHEREAS, in December 2017, the City Council passed Ordinance  
25 No. 28477, extending the declaration of emergency to December 31, 2018, and  
26 authorizing additional expenditures of nearly \$7 million through the end of 2018,  
and



1 WHEREAS, in 2018, the City Council passed Ordinance No. 28565,  
2 extending the declaration of emergency through the end of 2019, and provided  
3 continued funding for the Temporary Emergency Aid and Shelter Plan, and

4 WHEREAS, in 2019, the City Council passed Ordinance No. 28637,  
5 extending the declaration of emergency and authority granted in Ordinance  
6 Nos. 28430, 28457, 28477, and 28565, to remain in effect until such time that there  
7 is shelter availability for 95 percent of unsheltered individuals in Tacoma as noted  
8 in the annual Point in Time Count, and

9 WHEREAS the Mayor and City Council wish to declare support of Pierce  
10 County and the Tacoma Pierce County Coalition to End Homelessness in their  
11 commitment to protect public health and safety by providing everyone experiencing  
12 homelessness a safe and secure space to sleep with resources to address their  
13 health and sanitation needs by November 2021, allowing sidewalks, parks, and  
14 right-of-ways to be available for those purposes they were designed to serve, and

15 WHEREAS the Pierce County Council, pursuant to Resolution  
16 No. R2021-30s, established the Comprehensive Plan to End Homelessness Ad  
17 Hoc Committee for the purpose of developing an action plan that will deliver a  
18 comprehensive plan to end homelessness within six months, and

19 WHEREAS the City desires to actively participate with Pierce County in  
20 developing a regional strategy to address homelessness, and

21 WHEREAS the City is simultaneously working to establish its own five-year  
22 strategic plan to address homelessness, to be substantially complete by  
23 September 21, 2021, which will address racial disparities and systemic causes of  
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1 homeless, amplify regional collaborations as well as community partnerships  
2 and the continuum of care, align efforts with the Affordable Housing Action  
3 Strategy, and identify trauma-informed interventions to meet the needs of specific  
4 populations, and

5 WHEREAS the City Council will review the progress toward meeting the  
6 conditions to end the declaration of emergency related to homeless encampments  
7 annually, and

8 WHEREAS, due to the continuing and urgent need for quick action on the  
9 part of the City, particularly as it relates to participating in the County's Ad Hoc  
10 Committee, an emergency exists, making this ordinance effective upon passage by  
11 an affirmative vote of at least six members of the City Council; Now, Therefore,

12 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF TACOMA:

13 Section 1. That the City Council hereby adopts the Recitals of this  
14 Ordinance as its formal legislative findings.

15 Section 2. That the City Council's declaration of emergency originally  
16 granted pursuant to Ordinance No. 28430, and as subsequently amended by  
17 Ordinance Nos. 28457, 28477, 28565, and 28637, is hereby amended to add City  
18 Council review of the progress toward meeting the condition to end the declaration  
19 of emergency on an annual basis.

20 Section 3. The Mayor and City Council declare support of Pierce County  
21 and the Tacoma Pierce County Coalition to End Homelessness in their  
22 commitment to protect public health and safety by providing everyone experiencing  
23 homelessness a safe and secure space to sleep with resources to address their  
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Section 4. That the City will actively participate with Pierce County's Ad Hoc Committee in developing a regional strategy to address homelessness.

Section 5. That, based upon the facts and conclusions as specified herein, an emergency exists, making this ordinance effective upon passage by an affirmative vote of at least six members of the City Council.

Passed \_\_\_\_\_

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Mayor

Attest:

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City Clerk

Approved as to form:

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Deputy City Attorney