Subject: Development Requirements – Investing in Tree Cover
Community Forum Comments

Dear Mayor Woodards:

I would like you and the City Council to adopt a development requirement to provide trees as a necessary part of developing living units in Tacoma.

This requirement should be to have developers provide one tree for each unit. In the event of 2- and 3-bedroom spaces, provide 2 or 3 trees relatively to the number of bedrooms.

Considering that each living unit uses a number of trees for construction materials it is reasonable to require a tree for each unit. This would be in addition to other basic tree/vegetation requirements of the Code.

If this was already a requirement of the Code the “6th & Alder” development (sold recently for $46 million) would have been required to provide more than 111 trees for the City Tree Cover.

The development at 25th and Pacific would be required to provide more than 199 trees. Using the published information for this development, if the rents do not go up over the next 30 years, the property will pull in nearly $130,000,000. The cost for 200 trees is small by comparison. In 30 years they will be a grand asset to the City’s tree cover.

The benefits to the community are extensive and adds to the livability of the entire city.

I would like this to be incorporated into the Code prior to the 2023 ARBOR which for Washington State is April 12th next year.

Please feel free to contact me and let me know how I can help you and the council achieve requirement by April 12th, 2023.

Sincerely,

Kit Burns
Cc: Tacoma City Council
Sixth & Alder, a brand-new luxury apartment building in Tacoma, Washington, sold today for $46.2 million in an off-market sale structured by Kidder Mathews. The firm’s Senior Vice President Austin Kelley and Executive Vice President Ben Norbe represented the buyer. The seller was 6th & Alder Partners, LLC.

The property is located at 3118 6th Avenue, in the heart of Tacoma’s 6th Avenue District. It is walking distance from Wright Park, Franklin Park, and the University of Puget Sound. Sixth & Alder comprises 111 units and 75,240 net rentable square feet (NRSF). The $614 price per NRSF* marks the highest in the history of Pierce County.

The Class A building offers a unique range of amenities including an on-site dog washing station, EV charging, fitness center, and rooftop putting green.

“The sale of the 6th & Alder apartments demonstrates yet another example of tremendous investor activity in the Tacoma market,” said Kelley. “Tacoma has seen some of the highest year-over-year rent growths in the Puget Sound Region.”

*Excluding retail square footage
About Kidder Mathews
Kidder Mathews is the largest independent commercial real estate firm on the West Coast, with 900 real estate professionals and staff in 21 offices in Washington, Oregon, California, Nevada, and Arizona. Kidder Mathews offers a complete range of brokerage, appraisal, asset services, consulting, project and construction management, and debt & equity finance services for all property types. The firm performs $10.9 billion in transactions, manages 62 million square feet of space, and conducts over 2,600 appraisals annually. For more information, visit kidder.com.
They need help not bans. Banning camp will do nothing to stop camping. These ppl are not camping cause it fun. They are in the midst of a horrible situation that we need to find respectable way to help. The cops have long made this an ugly situation. With bully tactics and wanted disregard for human life. Destroying camps by hand or with knives. Making it even hard for these citizens to get back on their feet.
Team,

Can you please add this attached comment to written public comments? It was received at a community event hosted by OEHR on Saturday, but is intended to be shared with Council.

Thank you,

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Subject: City Resident Comment

Hello,

I was tabling at the Día de los Muertos event at Mi Centro this past Saturday October 29, and a community member submitted this card with a comment. I wanted to pass on for council members as that is what she asked I do.

Thank you,

Nancy Shattuck
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Comments, concerns, questions...

I have grave concerns about the way Tacoma treats our homeless community members. The war on homelessness is too often an attack on the people who are homeless. It should be an attack on change of the system that creates homelessness. A ban on "camping" is cruel. Where do we expect people with nothing to go? If we can't provide housing for all, we should at least provide security, sanitation stations, toilets and garbage service.

-Eileen Newton
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Dear Members of the City Council and City Manager,

I shared information about what Vancouver, Washington has been doing with creating tiny house villages using Pallet units. These units offer things that most tiny houses can’t offer. Insulated homes, locking doors and so much more.

In reading the advertisement, they made a comment about having a door and lock would help the folks that you offer to get off the street assurances that they can and will be alright. I recommend you read this carefully and see what I mean.

I hope you will do some research into these pallet units because once they are no longer in use, you can sell them to folks who have land near water and need housing they can afford when they visit.

Also, most importantly, with all the fires we have had throughout the state or even fires at apartment buildings. If you repurpose them by making sure you keep as many as you can in storage until someone needs a place to stay while their home is repaired or whatever. They will be easier to repurpose.

Hope you check this out.

Photos: Pallet Building $7,500 Prefab Tiny Homes for the Homeless (businessinsider.com)

Regards,

Esther Day