On August 2, 2011 the City Council adopted Ordinance No. 28010, placing a six-month moratorium on the establishment, location, operation, licensing, permitting, maintenance or continuation of medical marijuana collective gardens or medical marijuana dispensaries. The purpose of the moratorium is to allow the City time to review recent changes in state law and consider potential changes to the City’s regulations and requirements.

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

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

The Planning Commission will make its findings and recommendations on the moratorium on September 7, following the hearing.

Please Note: This public hearing is on the need for and duration of the moratorium and not to discuss or review any particular changes to the City’s regulations or requirements relative to medical cannabis or associated uses.
WHERE CAN I GET ADDITIONAL INFORMATION?
Additional information, including the complete text of the moratorium (Ordinance No. 28010) adopted by the City Council, is available from the Community and Economic Development Department at the address to the right, and on the Planning Division website:

www.cityoftacoma.org/planning
(click on “Medical Cannabis Moratorium”)

HOW DO I PROVIDE COMMENTS TO THE COMMISSION?
You can testify at the hearing or provide written comments using the return address on this card no later than noon on Wednesday, September 7, 2011 or by facsimile at (253) 591-2002 or via e-mail at planning@cityoftacoma.org.

If you have additional questions please feel free to contact Donna Stenger at:

(253) 591-5210

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