

PLANNING COMMISSION

About the Commission

The Planning Commission is a citizen's group established by the City Charter (Section 3.8) to advise the City Council on a broad range of planning issues. The Commission works to ensure that all plans, goals, policies, and development regulations are promoting orderly and coordinated growth and development within the city.

Duties and Responsibilities

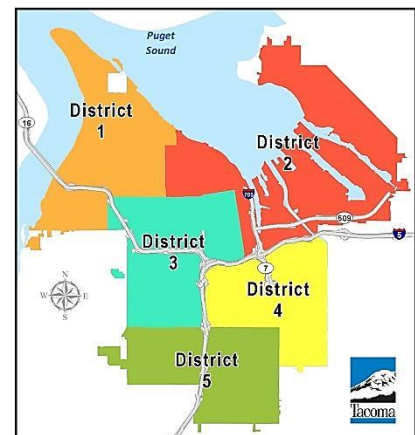
In accordance with Section 13.02.040 of the Tacoma Municipal Code, the Planning Commission:

- Develops and updates the *One Tacoma* Comprehensive Plan and its elements;
- Formulates effective and efficient land use and development regulations and processes that implement the *One Tacoma Plan*; and
- Reviews various planning issues, such as area-wide rezones, temporary zoning measures (such as a moratorium or interim regulations), annexation, historic district designation, urban design, and transportation and capital facilities programs.

Membership

The Planning Commission consists of nine members who are residents of Tacoma, five of them representing the five respective Council Districts and the other four with the background of and involvement in: (a) the development community; (b) the environmental community; (c) public transportation; and (d) architecture, historic preservation and/or urban design. Members are appointed by the City Council based on the recommendation of the Council's Infrastructure, Planning and Sustainability Committee. Members serve a 3-year term, without compensation, and may continue to serve if reappointed (no term limit). The Commission selects its chair and vice-chair through an internal, annual election process.

Members (as of 9/10/21)	
Name	Position/Representing
Andrew Strobel	District 1
Carolyn Edmonds	District 2
Brett Santhuff	District 3
Alyssa Torrez	District 4
(vacant)	District 5
(vacant)	Development Community
Anna Petersen (Chair)	Environmental Community
Christopher Karnes	Public Transportation
Ryan Givens	Architecture, Historic Preservation and/or Urban Design



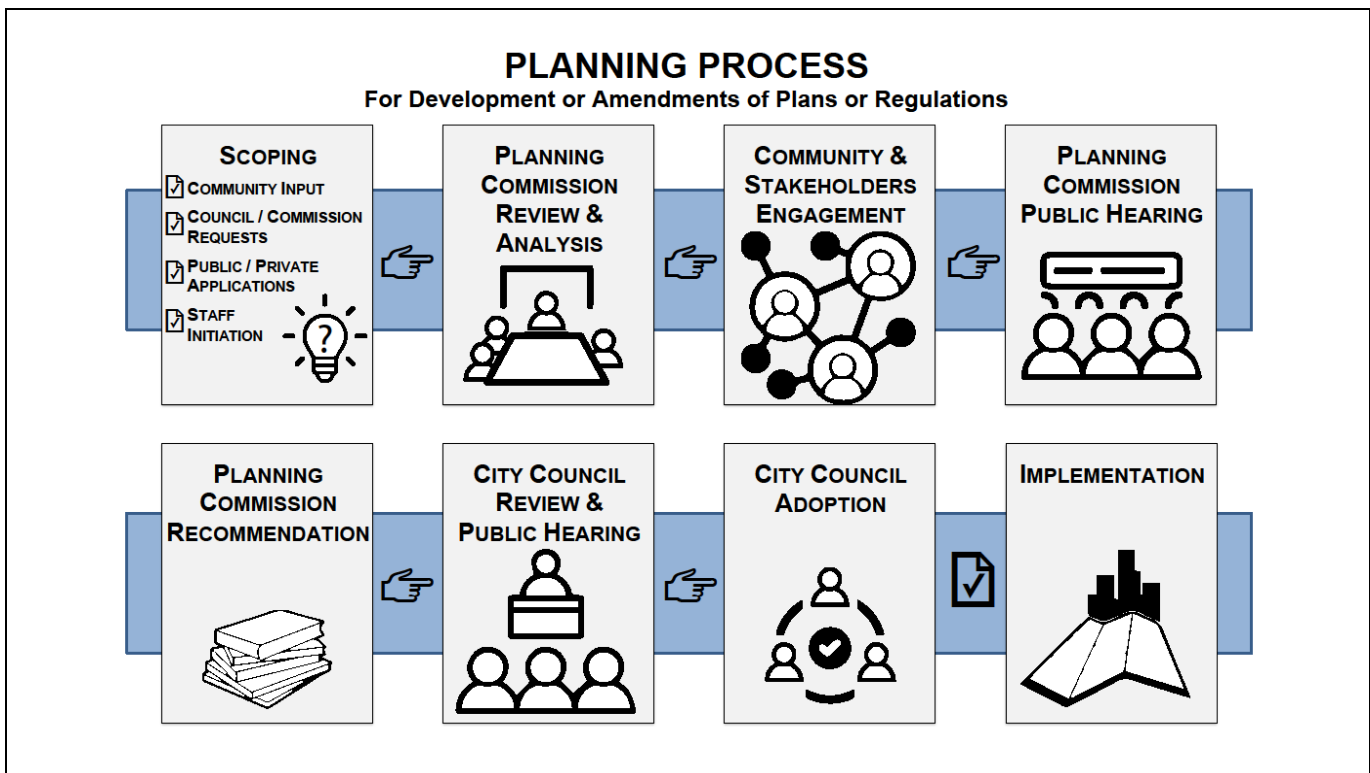
Meetings

The Planning Commission meets on the first and third Wednesdays of each month, at 5:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers, Tacoma Municipal Building, 747 Market Street, Tacoma. All meetings are open to the public. (Commission's meetings have been conducted virtually since April 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.)

Planning Process

The diagram below illustrates the typical planning process undertaken by the Planning Commission. There are multiple stages throughout the process where citizens and stakeholders are encouraged to participate in the Commission's deliberations. There are many ways for citizens and stakeholders to get involved, such as:

- Making comments at the Commission's meetings (opportunity to comment subject to change);
- Testifying at scheduled public hearings;
- Visiting the Planning Services Division's homepage at cityoftacoma.org/planning to find out more about the various planning projects the Commission works on; and/or
- Sending inquiries to planning@cityoftacoma.org or calling staff at (253) 591-5682.



How to Apply

If you are interested in serving on the Planning Commission, you may file an application with the City Clerk's Office any time. As vacancies become available, the City Clerk's Office may contact eligible applicants for an interview with the Infrastructure, Planning and Sustainability Committee. To file an application, please visit the City's website for Committees, Boards and Commissions (CBCs) at cityoftacoma.org/CBC and click on "How to Apply."

Staff Support

Planning Commission staff support is provided by the Planning Services Division of the Planning and Development Services Department. For more information, please contact Lihuang Wung, Staff Liaison, at lwung@cityoftacoma.org or (253) 591-5682.