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SUBJECT: Tacoma Municipal Nuisance Code (TMC) 8.30 Review
DATE: October 24, 2024

PRESENTATION TYPE:
Informational Briefing

SUMMARY:

Neighborhood and Community Services (NCS) staff will present an update to the informational briefing on Code Compliance provided on June 27, 2024. This update will focus on the work Code Compliance has had underway to make recommendations to update Tacoma Municipal Code 8.30. Specifically, the presentation will include information on stakeholder identification, outreach processes, feedback collection, a brief introduction to the IPMC (International Property Maintenance Code), and an updated timeline for the 2024 review and update of the Tacoma Municipal Nuisance Code [8.30](#).

BACKGROUND:

Public Nuisance Code Title 8.30 provides for the protection of the health, safety, and welfare of the City of Tacoma’s private properties through the enforcement of nuisance conditions which may affect the general public. Nuisance conditions include the presence of litter, overgrown and/or uncultivated vegetation, and other forms of waste or various hazards that require measures to correct those conditions. Code Compliance has been working on an update to the Tacoma Municipal Code Title 8.30 since early 2024. Compliance staff most recently provided an update to Community Vitality and Safety on June 27th which detailed the intent of the update to the code, work underway to review best practice from other jurisdictions and a schedule for outreach. This update will discuss the information collected during that review of best practices and engagement of stakeholders.

ISSUE:

Various parts of the Public Nuisance Code Title 8.30 were last reviewed and updated in 2014. We will be reviewing and putting forth recommendations for updates that are equitable in interpretation, application, and enforcement, and in alignment with current City Council priorities and other surrounding jurisdictions in Washington State. The briefing to Community Vitality and Safety will provide the committee an update on the identification of stakeholders, the various feedback we have collected and recommended next steps to incorporate that feedback into recommendations for Council consideration.

ALTERNATIVES:

This is an information briefing only. There are no alternatives presented.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This is an information briefing only. There is no fiscal impact.

RECOMMENDATION:

This is an information briefing only. There is no recommendation.