



WEEKLY REPORT TO THE CITY COUNCIL

September 25, 2025

Members of the City Council
City of Tacoma, Washington

Dear Mayor and Council Members:

ITEMS OF INTEREST

1. Council Member Walker provides the attached **Council Action Memorandums related to Tacoma Creates:**
 - An Ordinance reauthorizing the Tacoma Creates cultural access program, Chapter 1.55 of the Tacoma Municipal Code, and the one tenth of one percent sales and use tax that funds it, for an additional seven consecutive years
 - An Ordinance amending Chapter 1.55 of the Tacoma Municipal Code, relating to Tacoma Creates, by amending various sections to restructure funding categories to better reflect administrative costs and identified needs in the community, expand support for the Public School Cultural Access Program, and update language for consistency.
2. Council Member Rumbaugh provides the attached **Council Action Memorandum** for an Ordinance implementing an **“emerging leader” position on various committees, boards, and commissions, by renaming existing “youth” positions**, repurposing other existing positions, and amending various chapters in Title 1 of the Tacoma Municipal Code, relating to Administration and Personnel.
3. Council Member Hines provides the attached **Council Action Memorandum** for an Ordinance **amending Chapter 6A.110 of the Tacoma Municipal Code, relating to Property Tax Exemptions for Multi-family Housing**, by amending various sections to implement program updates, as recommended by the Government Performance and Finance Committee.
4. The Environmental Services, **Solid Waste Outreach & Education Team plans to present at the Neighborhood Council meetings** to share about **Tidy Up, Multi-Family Call2Haul, and Beyond the Bin programs**. Attached are the talking points which is a summary of the content to be presented at each Neighborhood Council meeting along with presentations slides for Mayor and Council awareness.
5. Jacques Colon, Director of the Center for Strategic Priorities provides the attached **updated Affordable Housing Action Strategy data**.

6. Public Works Director Jeff Jenkins provides that attached **August 2025 Vision Zero Monthly Crash Report**.
7. Tacoma Interim Police Chief Jackson provides the attached **Weekly Crime Report**.
8. Please see the attached City of Tacoma **Weekly Meeting Schedule**.
9. City Manager's Office Constituent Relations Analyst Karyssa Mathison provides the attached **Constituent Intake Report**.
10. Neighborhood and Community Services Interim Director Vicky McLaurin provides the attached **Quarterly TMC 8.19 Implementation memorandum**. This information is usually provided with the Homeless Strategy and Services Update that occurred on September 9, 2025, City Council Study Session, due to the volume of agenda items, the update is being provided in the Weekly Report.
11. City-funded Temporary and Emergency Shelter Performance: The City posts weekly information about its Temporary and Emergency Shelter locations including current census, number of available beds, and exits to housing. **This information can be found at: <https://cms.tacoma.gov/ncs/weeklydataupdate.pdf> and is updated weekly.**

Pierce County Human Services also uses the Homeless Management Information System to report daily availability throughout Pierce County. This information can be found at: <https://www.piercecountywa.gov/8220/Homeless-Emergency-Shelter-Availability> and shows the available beds open at shelters and is updated Monday - Friday by 10:00 a.m.
12. Encampment Outreach: For the week of **September 15 - 19, 2025**, the HEAL team visited **15 locations**. This resulted in **42 (18 new, and 24 repeat)** individuals contacted and referred to community services, 4 individuals accepted shelter placement. This information can be found at: [HEAL Team Engagement Dashboard | Tacoma Open Data](#).
13. Amy Clancy, Media and Communications Director shares the "**Good News**" below.
 - **Tacoma Rescue Mission groundbreaking**: The City of Tacoma is proud to support Tacoma Rescue Mission's project to expand the single men's wing shelter by 100 beds at their downtown location. Council Members Sarah Rumbaugh and Joe Bushnell, City Manager Hyun Kim, and Deputy City Manager Allyson Griffith joined the groundbreaking on September 6, 2025. Funding for this project includes City of Tacoma's Grant Package for \$4 million in Community Project Funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and \$3.5 million from the City's General Fund. The expansion is anticipated to be complete in Summer 2026 and will allow the site to host 260 beds total.
 - **Pothole Palooza** Tacoma Streets Initiative I Dollars at Work! Phil is back filling Potholes for another round of Pothole Palooza! From September 30 – October 13, 2025, crews will showcase maintenance and preservation of 10 arterial roadway locations across Tacoma.

Stay tuned for a full list of where Phil will be visiting and report your pothole concerns through Tacoma FIRST 311 Customer Support Center by dialing 311 within Tacoma city limits, (253) 591-5000 from anywhere else, or by visiting [tacoma.gov/311](https://www.tacoma.gov/311). Maybe Phil will make a visit to your neighborhood?

- See how the people of the Hudson Bay Company lived in 1855 at the **Fort Nisqually Candlelight Tour** on October 3 - 4, 2025. This is a classic Tacoma fall activity where you can see over 100 historical interpreters reenact what life was like all those years ago. Learn more in this Tacoma Report [Parks Tacoma](#) and at: <https://www.facebook.com/share/v/1BQiJCZtyS/>
- **Student Government Day** Students in grades 9-12 who live in Tacoma or attend Tacoma Public Schools are invited to attend Student Government Day on October 21, 2025. Students who attend will spend the day at City Hall and other municipal buildings learning about their local government and policymaking. They'll also tour facilities and talk with staff about important issues. Applications are due on October 3, 2025, but we encourage you to apply early as capacity is limited. More at: [Student Government Day Program | City of Tacoma](#).
- Each September, the City of Tacoma joins communities across our region to promote simple actions that help **protect our local waterways and the health of Puget Sound**. From picking up pet waste, reducing lawn chemicals, and keeping storm drains clear, check out the small changes you can make to help reduce stormwater pollution in this fun video from [Puget Sound Starts Here](#).
- **Tacoma Fire Department:** Join us in recognizing Lieutenant/Paramedic Spencer Vadney as this year's ALS Peer Award recipient. Lt/PM Vadney earned this award for his consistent involvement, leadership, mentoring, and exceptional work as a paramedic and officer. He is a respected instructor and mentor to TFD and partner agency medics. As a mentor, he meets students where they are by creating thoughtful goals and plans, modeling leadership skills, and providing direct feedback. In the field, he is a conscientious team leader who shows up ready for anything.
- **Tacoma Police Department:** This week, **Chief Jackson joined our Explosive Ordnance Disposal Team** at the police range for some hands-on training. Take a look at: <https://www.facebook.com/share/v/1BaLpyPMw/>

STUDY SESSION / WORK SESSION

14. **The City Council Study Session of Tuesday, September 30, 2025, will be conducted as a hybrid meeting.** This meeting can be attended in-person at the Tacoma Municipal Building, Council Chambers, located at 747 Market Street on the 1st floor or be heard by dialing (253) 215 – 8782 or through Zoom at: www.zoom.us/j/89496171192 and entering the meeting ID 894 9617 1192; passcode 89659 when prompted. This meeting will be broadcast on TV Tacoma.

The City Council Study Session discussion items will include; (1) **Tacoma Municipal Court Informational Briefing**; (2) **Media and Communications Quarterly Strategy Update**; (3) **Home in Tacoma – Early Implementation Update**; (4) **Alternative Response Quarterly Update**; (5) **Other Items of Interest: Amendments Discussions and Council Consideration Requests – 2nd Cycle Bike Stories & Trick or Streets Event Sponsorships**; (6) **Committee Reports**; (7) **Agenda Review and City Manager’s Weekly Report**; (8) **Executive Potential & Pending Litigation**.

On our first agenda item, staff from the Tacoma Municipal Court will provide an **informational briefing**.

On our second agenda item, the **Media and Communications** department will give their **quarterly strategy update**.

On our third agenda item, staff from Planning and Development Services will brief the Mayor and Council on the **Home in Tacoma – Early Implementation**.

On our fourth agenda item, staff from Neighborhood and Community Services, the Tacoma Fire department and the Tacoma Police department will provide an **Alternative Response quarterly update**.

Under other items of interest, the following item will be discussed:

- Tacoma Creates Ordinance Amendments Discussion
[Council Member Rumbaugh]
- Property Tax Exemptions for Multi-Family Housing Ordinance Amendments Discussion **[Council Member Bushnell]**
- Council Consideration Request – **2nd Cycle Bike Stories Sponsorship**
[Council Member Walker]
- Council Consideration Request: **Trick or Streets Sponsorship**
[Council Member Hines]

15. The updated **Tentative City Council Forecast and Consolidated Standing Committee Calendars** are attached for your information.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

16. You are invited to the below events:

- **Grit City Connect**: This event is just one week away and helps prime contractors connect & potential subcontractors connect. Representatives from the City, Tacoma Public Schools, and Parks Tacoma will be on hand to share insights into upcoming projects and procurement and offer technical assistance. Learn more in this Tacoma Report and register at makeittacoma.com/events.

- Just two weeks until **State of the City! Join Mayor Victoria Woodards for her final address** on Thursday, October 2, 2025, 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m., at Lincoln High School, 701 South 37th Street. The theme of the event is “Grit, Growth, and Gratitude” and features a powerful reflection on Tacoma’s journey and an inspiring vision for its future. This special evening of storytelling and vibrant visuals is free and open to the public, but tickets are required. Learn more about the event and register to attend in the event page below.
- **Tacoma Arts Month Invitation** : This October, the community and City Council Members are invited to join the celebration of Tacoma Arts Month, with opportunities to experience the creativity and vibrancy of our community firsthand. Council and community members can also explore dozens of neighborhood events, performances, and exhibitions throughout the month. To find arts experiences happening in your district, visit the Tacoma Arts Month Events Calendar at TacomaArtsMonth.org. Highlights include:
 - Kaleidoscope Opening Party October 4, 2025 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m., at the Tacoma Public Library main branch, 1102 Tacoma Avenue South, Tacoma, WA 98402.
 - Tacoma Studio Tour October 11 – 12, p.m., 11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., locations all over Tacoma, with over 100 artists citywide.
 - Arts at the Armory November 15 – 16, 2025, 11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., Tacoma Armory, 310 South 9th Street, Tacoma, WA 98402.
- Check out this year’s **Kaleidoscope** line-up! This event kicks off Arts Month in Tacoma and features performances, workshops, and creative activities. Tacoma Public Library – Main Branch (1102 Tacoma Ave South, Saturday, October 4, 2025, 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. This event is free and family-friendly, please click link for more information: Kaleidoscope | City of Tacoma.
- **Tacoma Police Department Presents Let’s Talk Tacoma**, hosted by Chief Patti Jackson. “Building trust through open conversation” will be your chance to ask questions, share concerns, and connect directly with Tacoma Police leadership. Thursday, October 9, 2025, 4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m., at Tacoma Police Headquarters 3701 South Pine. Register using the following link: <https://bit.ly/47Mw97Y>.
- **The City, in collaboration with the Green Tacoma Partnership, is celebrating Green Tacoma Day and Arbor Day** on October 11, 2025, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. This year 11 organizations are hosting 13 different sites throughout the City and greater Tacoma area. The Green Tacoma Partnership is celebrating 20 years of community stewardship, engagement, and education in Tacoma’s urban green spaces! For more information, event details, and registration link, please visit greentacomaday.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Hyun Kim", written on a light gray rectangular background.

Hyun Kim
Interim City Manager

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TO: Hyun Kim, Interim City Manager
FROM: Mayor Victoria Woodards, Deputy Mayor Kiara Daniels, Council Member Jamika Scott, Council Member Kristina Walker, and Christina Caan, Policy Analyst
COPY: City Council and City Clerk
SUBJECT: Ordinance to update Tacoma Municipal Code Chapter 1.55, which is the Tacoma Creates program and the one tenth of one percent sales and use tax that funds it, to ensure funding continues to nurture and build durable cultural organizations in our city and provide access to arts, culture, heritage, and science programming – September 30, 2025
DATE: September 16, 2025

SUMMARY AND PURPOSE

An ordinance to update Tacoma Municipal Code (TMC) Chapter 1.55, which is the Tacoma Creates program and the one tenth of one percent sales and use tax that funds it, to ensure funding continues to nurture and build durable cultural organizations in our city and provide access to arts, culture, heritage, and science programming.

COUNCIL SPONSORS

Mayor Victoria Woodards, Deputy Mayor Kiara Daniels, Council Member Jamika Scott, Council Member Kristina Walker

LEGISLATIVE INTENT

We ask for your support to update Tacoma Municipal Code (TMC) Chapter 1.55, which is the Tacoma Creates program and the one tenth of one percent sales and use tax that funds it, to ensure funding continues to nurture and build cultural organizations in our city and provide access to arts, culture, heritage, and science programming. Tacoma Creates is a Cultural Access Program, approved by voters in 2018 and funded by a local sales tax of 1/10th of 1 percent. Overseen by the Arts & Cultural Vitality Division of the City's Community and Economic Development Department, Tacoma Creates helps fund nonprofit organizations with a primary purpose to provide public programming in arts, culture, heritage, and science. Tacoma Creates also aims to reduce barriers to access and expand programming offerings citywide.

- Since 2019, Tacoma Creates has provided over \$30 million in funding to more than 100 cultural organizations, who in turn have produced more than 5,000 programs and events, reaching more than four million participants.¹

The Tacoma City Council is considering reimposing Tacoma Creates with councilmanic authority, creating an opportunity to update the original code. We are proposing several updates that would uphold the intention of the voter-approved ordinance, while also bringing the code up to date with current needs and standards. Our recommended updates include:

- Making stylistic edits to update new office names and ensure consistency with current City terminology, such as updating the name of "Office of Arts and Cultural Vitality" to the "Arts and Cultural Vitality Division."

¹ [Tacoma Creates Initiative | City of Tacoma](#)



- Restructuring funding categories to better reflect administrative costs and identified needs in the community. Specifically, the “administration funding” percentage needs to be increased to keep delivering high-quality work and customer service as the program workload grows. In addition, the new “cultural organization funding” category should include support for capital expenditures to ensure the growth and longevity of our cultural organizations, particularly amid potentially declining alternative resources.
- Expanding support for the Public School Cultural Access Program to reflect the City’s collaboration with Tacoma Public Schools and partner organizations on new out of school time programming, such as Summer Late Nights.

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COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Mayor Victoria Woodards, Deputy Mayor Kiara Daniels, Council Member Jamika Scott, and Council Member Kristina Walker, along with Tacoma Creates staff, have met with the Tacoma Creates Advisory Board and the Tacoma Creates Reauthorization Committee to seek feedback on the proposed code updates. In addition, Tacoma Creates staff have received community feedback on program implementation through report forms, roundtables sessions, and focus groups that has been incorporated into these proposed updates.

2025 STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

Equity and Accessibility: Tacoma Creates directly aligns with Tacoma 2025, the City’s long-term strategic plan and community’s vision for the future.² Specifically, Tacoma Creates advances our goals to nurture a vibrant creative economy, improve community members’ ability to access arts, culture, heritage, and science programming, and bolster access to out of school time learning for young people. In addition, Tacoma Creates funding goals and criteria are informed by Resolution 40622 and the City’s Equity Index.³ Tacoma Creates aims to enhance equity and accessibility in cultural programming by supporting free programming, discounts, and scholarships, ensuring programming occurs citywide, and expanding disability access, such as opportunities for ASL-interpreted performances, low-sensory concerts, museum tours for people with vision impairment.⁴

Economy/Workforce: *Equity Index Score:* Moderate Opportunity

Increase positive public perception related to the Tacoma economy.

Increase the number of infrastructure projects and improvements that support existing and new business developments.

² [Tacoma Strategic Plan | City of Tacoma](#)

³ [Equity Index | City of Tacoma](#)

⁴ [Program Locations — Tacoma Creates](#)



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ALTERNATIVES

Alternative	Positive Impacts	Negative Impacts
Do not update Tacoma Creates.	Tacoma Creates could continue to be implemented as is.	Council would miss an opportunity to make stylistic and substantive updates that reflect the current organizational, definitional, and administrative needs of the program.
Do not offer funding for capital expenditures.	Additional funding could go toward programming.	Cultural organizations are likely to struggle to acquire financial assistance to purchase or renovate their workspaces, as well as costly equipment, potentially limiting their reach in the community and their ability to sustain their work.
Maintain the original administrative funding limit.	Some additional funding could go toward programming and capacity building.	The City would not be able to keep up with the administrative needs related to the consistent annual growth of 9–15 percent in applications and contracts and increased expectations for program implementation. The City would also not be able to meet the 3 percent citywide indirect cost assessment need. These gaps are likely to decrease the number of organizations that can be funded. It will also reduce staff's ability to deliver high-quality programs and customer support.

EVALUATIONS AND FOLLOW UP

If approved, the Arts and Cultural Vitality Division of the City's Community and Economic Development Department will continue to provide updates to the City Council on funding for Tacoma Creates. This includes continuing the Tacoma Creates annual report and providing a new high-level budget overview of the five core spending areas to City Council prior to the allocation of funding.

SPONSOR RECOMMENDATION

Sponsors recommend approving this ordinance.



FISCAL IMPACT

If approved, this ordinance will reimpose a sales and use tax of 1/10th of 1 percent to fund Tacoma Creates. This sales and use tax is estimated to generate approximately \$7-\$7.5M per year in revenue.

Below is a history of past sales and use tax collections:

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What Funding is being used to support the expense?

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Are the expenditures and revenues planned and budgeted in this biennium's current budget?

Yes, the expenditures and revenues are planned for this biennium, however, without reimposing the 1/10 of 1 percent, there would be no on-going funding to support Tacoma Creates in future bienniums.

Are there financial costs or other impacts of not implementing the legislation?

While the sales and use tax is a cost for the public, a thriving creative economy is vital for Tacoma's broader economic health and supports local jobs. The Arts & Economic Prosperity 6 report showed that the direct economic activity generated by nonprofit arts and culture organizations and their audiences in Tacoma was nearly \$163 million in fiscal year 2022.⁵ This impact includes supporting 2,065 jobs, generating \$28.7 million in tax revenue, and providing \$87.2 million in personal income to local residents. In addition, the report demonstrated that when we fund arts and culture, we are investing in an industry that contributes to building healthy communities by nurturing social

⁵ [Arts & Economic Prosperity | City of Tacoma](#)



connections, promoting community pride and identity, and boosting tourism by providing authentic experiences that draw visitors to the city.

Will the legislation have an ongoing/recurring fiscal impact?

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Will the legislation change the City's FTE/personnel counts?

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In 2023, House Bill 1575 granted municipalities the option to reimpose a sales and use tax for Cultural Access Programs, as established originally in the Revised Code of Washington Chapter 36.160, with councilmanic action.^{2 3} As TMC Chapter 1.55 expires in 2026, Tacoma has an

¹ [Tacoma Creates Initiative | City of Tacoma](#)

² [HB 1575 Washington State Legislature](#)

³ [Chapter 36.160 RCW: CULTURAL ORGANIZATIONS](#)



opportunity to be the first city in the state to use councilmanic authority to reimpose our Cultural Access Program, paving the way for other cities across Washington to take similar action.

ORDINANCE

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COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Mayor Victoria Woodards, Deputy Mayor Kiara Daniels, Council Member Jamika Scott, and Council Member Kristina Walker, along with Tacoma Creates staff, have met with the Tacoma Creates Advisory Board and the Tacoma Creates Reauthorization Committee to seek feedback on reimposing the program. In early December 2024, Tacoma Creates staff also launched a community survey to learn more about how arts, culture, heritage, and science programming impact our community. This survey showed that 94.8 percent of respondents felt Tacoma Creates funding was “Very Important” or “Important” and that 91.5 percent felt that Tacoma Creates should be reimposed by the City Council.

- The original Tacoma Creates legislation passed with 67.2 percent of the vote and every voting district in the city approved it, indicating robust citywide support.⁴ The Arts & Economic Prosperity 6 (AEP6) study, released in October 2023 by Americans for the Arts, confirmed Tacoma residents’ continued support for arts, particularly as a source of pride in a neighborhood.⁵

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⁴ [About Tacoma Creates — Tacoma Creates](#)

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Do not reimpose Tacoma Creates with councilmanic authority and do not hold a public vote.	Tacoma residents would pay 1/10 th of 1 percent less in sales and use tax.	Tacoma's cultural organizations would face robust financial pressure, likely leading many to scale back or shut down. Creative workers in Tacoma would likely lose jobs and income, while students and young people would lose opportunities to participate in arts, culture, science, and heritage programming. Tacoma's standing as a leading arts city would be tarnished, possibly stoking diminished investment and lowering the quality of life for residents. Belief and trust in local government may also be damaged, as voters passed Tacoma Creates with overwhelming support citywide and continue to laud the program.
Hold a public vote regarding reimposing Tacoma Creates.	Tacoma residents would have an opportunity to voice their position on the value of Tacoma Creates.	A vote of the people would require a costly campaign that would be the responsibility of the cultural sector, taking time, focus, and funds away from serving the community. In addition, a public vote is unlikely before November 2025, creating a gap in sales and use tax revenue collection that would jeopardize continuity of cultural programs and employment.



EVALUATIONS AND FOLLOW UP

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Will the legislation have an ongoing/recurring fiscal impact?

Yes, if approved, this ordinance will continue a sales and use tax of 1/10th of 1 percent to fund Tacoma Creates for an additional 7 years. This sales and use tax is estimated to generate approximately \$7.5M per year in revenue.

Will the legislation change the City's FTE/personnel counts?

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City of Tacoma

City Council Action Memorandum

TO: Hyun Kim, Interim City Manager
FROM: Council Member Sarah Rumbaugh and Senior Council Policy Analyst Lynda Foster
COPY: City Clerk and City Council
SUBJECT: **Ordinance – Amending Title 1 of the Municipal Code, relating to Committees, Boards, and Commissions to repurpose existing seats to Emerging Leader seats, and to repurpose youth seats on three other Committees, Boards, and Commissions to Emerging Leader seats – September 30, 2025**
DATE: September 12, 2025

SUMMARY AND PURPOSE:

An ordinance amending Title 1 of the Municipal Code, relating to Committees, Boards, and Commissions, by amending Chapter 1.06 relating to the Community's Police Advisory Committee, Subchapter 1.28A relating to the Tacoma Arts Commission, Chapter 1.29 relating to the Human Rights Commission, Chapter 1.41 relating to the Climate and Sustainability Commission, and Chapter 1.55 relating to the Tacoma Creates Advisory Board, to repurpose existing seats to Emerging Leader seats, and to repurpose youth seats on three other Committees, Boards, and Commissions to Emerging Leader seats.

[Council Member Sarah Rumbaugh]

COUNCIL SPONSORS:

Council Members Olgy Diaz, Sarah Rumbaugh, and Sandesh Sadalge.

BACKGROUND:

The Sponsors' Recommendation is Based On:

On July 24, 2025, the Community, Vitality and Safety Committee unanimously recommended the Committee, Board, and Commission (CBC) Emerging Leader seat proposal to the full Council. The purpose of CBC Emerging Leader seats is to engage youth and young adults early in life to encourage life-long community service, create opportunities for youth professional development and leadership opportunities, and value youth-specific feedback in City Council policy development.

There are eight Committees, Boards, and Commissions (CBCs) with specified youth seats or past legislative direction to create a youth seat. Specifications and appointment processes for these positions vary. This proposal aligns appointment processes and requirements for all CBC youth seats to reduce confusion in the application process, increase recruitment and retention for youth seat positions, and streamline work. This proposal will require code updates to the CBCs that are currently codified, but does not propose to add additional CBCs to the TMC.

The CBC Emerging Leader seat proposal will apply to the following CBCs:

- Climate and Sustainability Commission (TMC 1.41)
- Commission on Immigrant and Refugee Affairs
- Community's Police Advisory Committee (TMC 1.06.75)
- Human Rights Commission (TMC 1.29)
- Human Services Commission
- Tacoma Area Commission on Disabilities
- Tacoma Arts Commission (TMC 1.28A.050) will convert an at-large position to an Emerging Leader Seat
- Tacoma Creates Advisory Board (TMC 1.55.090)

This proposal will:

- Rename "Youth Seats" to "Emerging Leader" seats.
- Align recruitment of Emerging Leader seats to the regular recruitment timeline for each CBC.



- Use standard appointment process for Emerging Leader applications – including interview by a Council Committee, which recommends appointment to full Council.
- Emerging Leaders are appointed to a one-year term. They may apply for subsequent terms.
- Set 16 – 24 age range. Volunteers may complete their term if they age out during the term.
- Implementation of the Emerging Leader seat should occur with during the standard 2026 recruitment timelines.

To successfully recruit and support Emerging Leaders, the City Manager should also explore how to leverage existing partnerships and resources to support these positions. For example, the Mayor’s Youth Commission might arrange Emerging Leader Cohort events and activities and CBC Chairs or Leadership teams could act as mentors to Emerging Leader volunteers. Existing CBC coordination efforts could include creation of youth-focused recruitment tools and strategies to reach 16 – 24-year-olds, and review of onboarding process to welcome Emerging Leaders to the role.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT/ CUSTOMER RESEARCH:

Council Member Rumbaugh attended a Mayor’s Youth Commission leadership team meeting to discuss this proposal. The proposal was shared with staff and volunteers from the eight impacted CBCs. Two listening sessions were scheduled for CBC members on Monday, June 23 over the lunch hour and Wednesday, June 25 in the evening. At the September 8, 2025, Tacoma Arts Commission (TAC) meeting, TAC voted to recommend converting an At-Large seat to an Emerging Leader seat, with the comment that recruitment & onboarding should be consistent with justice, equity, diversity, and inclusion values of the TAC.

2025 STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:

Equity and Accessibility: *(Mandatory)*

While the majority of Tacoma residents are white, younger populations in Tacoma are more diverse. According to OSPI data, Approximately 64% of Tacoma School District’s enrolled students are BIPOC or two or more races.

Education: *Equity Index Score: Moderate Opportunity*

Increase the number of quality out of school time learning opportunities distributed equitably across the city.
Increase the number of college students that find employment and remain in Tacoma after post-secondary completion.

Civic Engagement: *Equity Index Score: Moderate Opportunity*

Increase the percentage of residents who believe they are able to have a positive impact on the community and express trust in the public institutions in Tacoma.
Increase the number of residents who participate civically through volunteering and voting.

Explain how your legislation will affect the selected indicator(s).

Engagement of the youth demographic has been historically challenging for all CBCs. Enhancing youth participation in advisory CBCs will incorporate more voices into the City Council’s decision making, reduce barriers to youth participation, and provide professional and educational opportunities to Tacoma’s youth. Identifying the goal of professional and leadership development, and assisting Emerging Leaders in building local connections to Tacoma leaders will youth grow their professions within Tacoma. Engaging youth early in life will instill values of community service and increase civic engagement.

ALTERNATIVES:

Alternative(s)	Positive Impact(s)	Negative Impact(s)
1. All Emerging Leaders be recruited on the same timeline	Create a cohort that can support each other and offer shared learning	Potentially “other” Emerging Leaders from other CBC members, increase administrative costs, recruit Emerging Leaders outside of key timelines for committee work



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2. 16–18-year-old age range	Prioritize younger engagement, provide opportunities to high school students who may be less competitive against older youth	This narrow age range makes it difficult to recruit and retain youth for CBC positions
3. Alternative name for Emerging Leader, such as “Youth and Young Adult”, or “Youth Leader Seat”	Provides clarity on age range by incorporating the word “youth”	A less appealing name that does not support enhanced recruitment, resume building, or highlight the professional development goals of the position

EVALUATION AND FOLLOW UP:

The City Manager should report back on how the Emerging Leader seats were implemented and provide an update on recruitment, onboarding, and peer support efforts to enhance participation with CBC Emerging Leader seats.

SPONSOR RECOMMENDATION:

Sponsors recommend the City Council adopt this policy proposal to align youth seats into the CBC Emerging Leader seat policy to engage youth and young adults early in life to encourage life-long community service, create opportunities for youth professional development and leadership opportunities, and value youth-specific feedback in City Council policy development.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This policy would require staff support and coordination from various City staff who support CBC recruitment and onboarding. Impacts associated with CBC Emerging Lead seats will be incorporated into ongoing workload within staff's standard working hours.

Fund Number & Name	COST OBJECT (CC/WBS/ORDER)	Cost Element	Total Amount
1. N/A			
TOTAL			

What Funding is being used to support the expense?

N/A

Are the expenditures and revenues planned and budgeted in this biennium's current budget?

YES

Are there financial costs or other impacts of not implementing the legislation?

YES

Significant staff time is required for recruitment and onboarding of CBC volunteers. Streamlining recruitment and processes for Emerging Leader seats will reduce the overall capacity needed to support CBCs.

Will the legislation have an ongoing/recurring fiscal impact?

No

Will the legislation change the City's FTE/personnel counts?

No

ATTACHMENTS:

- N/A



TO: Hyun Kim, Interim City Manager
FROM: Council Member John Hines and Christina Caan, Policy Analyst
COPY: City Council and City Clerk
SUBJECT: Ordinance to amend Tacoma Municipal Code Chapter 6A.110 regarding property tax exemptions for multi-family housing – September 30, 2025
DATE: September 17, 2025

SUMMARY AND PURPOSE

An ordinance to amend Tacoma Municipal Code Chapter 6A.110 regarding property tax exemptions for multi-family housing.

COUNCIL SPONSORS

Council Member John Hines, Deputy Mayor Kiara Daniels, Council Member Sarah Rumbaugh, and Council Member Joe Bushnell

LEGISLATIVE INTENT

The Government Performance and Finance Committee (GPFC) has completed its mandated review of the Multi-Family Tax Exemption (MFTE) program. While economic conditions are not ripe for major changes to the MFTE program, GPFC has identified several updates that will help ensure our community continues to benefit from this tool. These updates aim to ensure the MFTE program contributes to greater housing density, expands affordable housing, bolsters housing stability for lower income renters, and further nurtures economic development and investment in Tacoma. Our recommendations include:

- Increase the minimum number of units required for the 8-year MFTE from 4 to 20 units per project to boost greater housing density and incentivize use of the 12-year MFTE;
- Allow households to continue to qualify as low-income or moderate-income for the purposes of the MFTE unless the household's income exceeds 90 percent of Pierce County AMI to better support housing stability and wealth-building for renters;
- Add a requirement that for properties applying for an extension, the affordable units must rent for at least 10 percent less than the market rate units to meet affordable housing needs;
- Remove census tracts 53053061300 and 53053061400 from eligibility for the 8-year MFTE due to high-risk of displacement;¹
- Expand Community and Economic Development Department's efforts to share and centralize outreach resources for property owners and community members to help get renters into MFTE units quickly; and
- Launch an additional GPFC review of the MFTE program in 2028 to continue honing the program to meet the City's evolving needs. The 2028 review should include efforts to evaluate pathways for expanding unit

¹ [ANTI-DISPLACEMENT STRATEGY - FINAL.pdf](#)



size to better accommodate families and a review of the 8-year MFTE in additional census tracts that are at high risk of displacement.

Background: The MFTE Program provides limited 8, 12, or 20-year exemptions from ad valorem property taxation for multi-family housing in Residential Target Areas. In 2022, the City expanded eligible areas where the 12-year exemption is allowed to be used, lowered the household income level to 70 percent of Pierce County AMI as published by HUD each year, added a 20-year option for projects that provide permanent affordability, and adopted the option for extending an exemption for an additional 12 years if affordability is added.² The citywide rezoning that occurred through Home in Tacoma further expanded mid-scale zoning and the areas in which the MFTE can be used.³

- The 8-year property tax exemption can currently be granted to any projects in an eligible area where 4 new units are being constructed, rehabilitated (if vacant for one year or more), created through conversion of a commercial structure, or added to existing occupied multifamily housing.
- The 12-year property tax exemption is granted to projects in which 20 percent of the newly created units are designated as affordable housing. These projects must also meet the same criteria as the 8-year MFTE projects.
- The 20-year property tax exemption must provide permanent affordability for 25 percent of the units. This must be done through a partnership with a government agency or a non-profit.

ORDINANCE

This ordinance would amend Tacoma Municipal Code Chapter 6A.110 regarding property tax exemptions for multi-family housing.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

City Council Resolution 40866, which passed in 2021, required GPFC to review the MFTE program within three years.⁴ This required review process launched in 2024, and GPFC has since held several informational meetings with City staff from the Community and Economic Development Department and the Center for Strategic Priorities to evaluate implementation of the program.⁵ Public comment from community members has been included in these meetings. In addition, Council Member John Hines convened a roundtable with community stakeholders to discuss their experiences using the MFTE program. GPFC voted unanimously on August 5, 2025 to advance this proposal to a full City Council discussion. On September 16, 2025, Council discussed the proposal at Study Session.

Equity and Accessibility: By allowing households to continue to qualify as low-income or moderate-income when renewing their lease for an MFTE unit until their income exceeds 90 percent of Pierce County's AMI, the program would be helping to foster much needed housing stability in our community. Housing stability, in turn, contributes to broader positive community health and economic development outcomes. In addition, by requiring properties

² [Tax Incentives - MultiFamily Property Tax Exemption Program | City of Tacoma](#)

³ [Home in Tacoma Zoning Regulations | City of Tacoma](#)

⁴ [City of Tacoma - File #: RES40866](#)

⁵ [City of Tacoma - File #: 24-0759](#); [City of Tacoma - File #: 24-1194](#); [City of Tacoma - File #: 25-0053](#)



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applying for an extension to ensure that their affordable units rent for 10 percent less than the market rate units, the program would better contribute to building our community's access to affordable housing.

Civic Engagement: *Equity Index Score:* Moderate Opportunity

Increase the percentage of residents who believe they are able to have a positive impact on the community and express trust in the public institutions in Tacoma.

Livability: *Equity Index Score:* Moderate Opportunity

Decrease the percentage of individuals who are spending more than 45% of income on housing and transportation costs.

Economy/Workforce: *Equity Index Score:* Moderate Opportunity

Increase the percentage of people relocating to the city and affordability of housing compared to neighboring jurisdictions.

Decrease the number of vacant properties downtown and in the neighborhood business districts.

ALTERNATIVES

Alternative	Positive Impacts	Negative Impacts
Do not update MFTE program.	The MFTE program will continue to help drive economic development and housing creation in Tacoma.	The MFTE program would miss opportunities to contribute to long-term housing stability for lower income residents, further bolster economic development, and expand access to affordable housing.

EVALUATIONS AND FOLLOW UP

If approved, the Community and Economic Development Department will continue to provide MFTE updates to GPFC and City Council at regular intervals.

SPONSOR RECOMMENDATION

Sponsors recommend approving this ordinance.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact.

What Funding is being used to support the expense?

N/A

Are the expenditures and revenues planned and budgeted in this biennium's current budget?

N/A

Are there financial costs or other impacts of not implementing the legislation?

NO



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Will the legislation have an ongoing/recurring fiscal impact?

NO

Will the legislation change the City's FTE/personnel counts?

NO

Attachment: Map of census tracts proposed for removal from 8-year MFTE

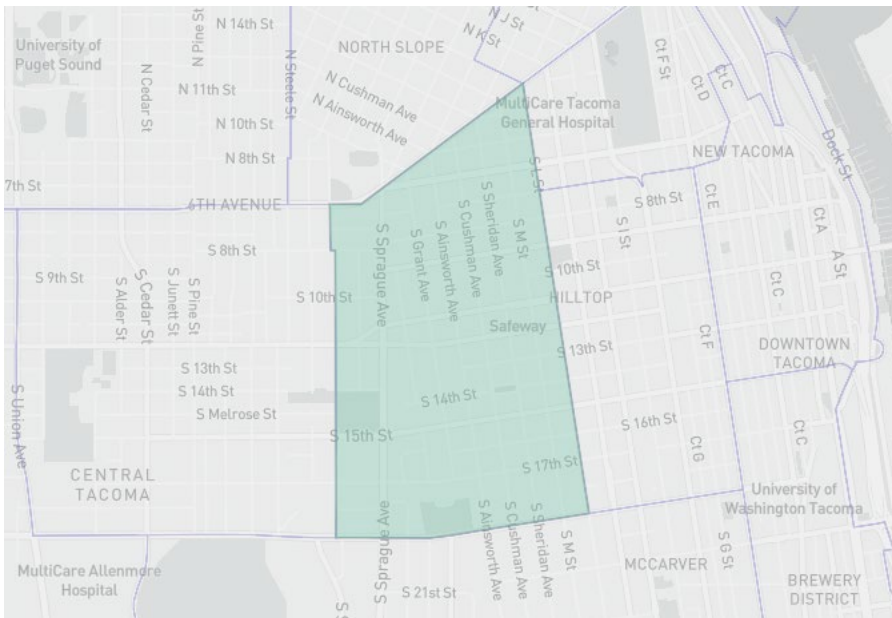


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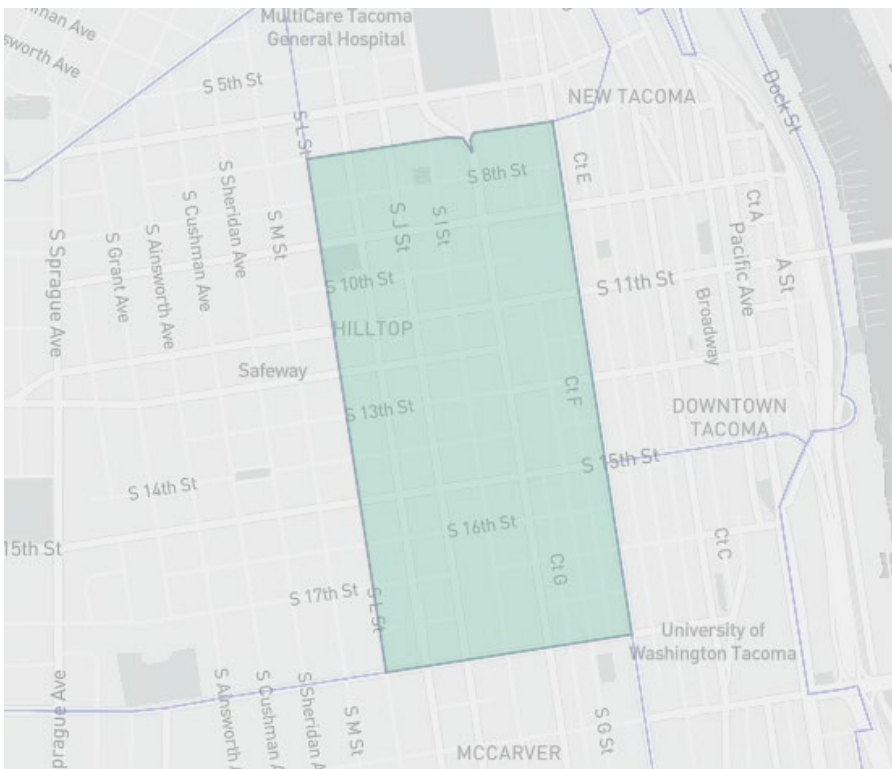
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Attachment: Map of census tracts proposed for removal from 8-year MFTE

1. Tract 53053061300 (Hilltop)



2. Tract 53053061400 (Hilltop and downtown)





ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES **SOLID WASTE**



Environmental Services
Solid Waste

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SERVICES OVERVIEW

Garbage



Recycling



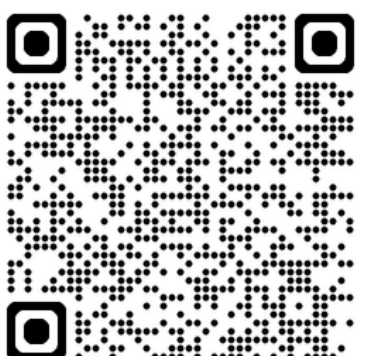
Food and Yard
Waste



Special Permit



Tidy Up Tacoma



Beyond The Bin



Hazardous Waste



Call-2-Haul



tacoma.gov/solidwaste

TIDY-UP TACOMA

In 2026, Tidy Up will be partnering with each Neighborhood Business District to do a litter clean up.



Partnering with LitterFree253 in April 2026 for the annual citywide clean up during earth month.

Tidy Up has not previously had a position dedicated to outreach and education until January of 2025.



Took over Neighborhood Litter Patrol, Adopt-A-Spot and private graffiti (previously housed within Neighborhood Community Services)



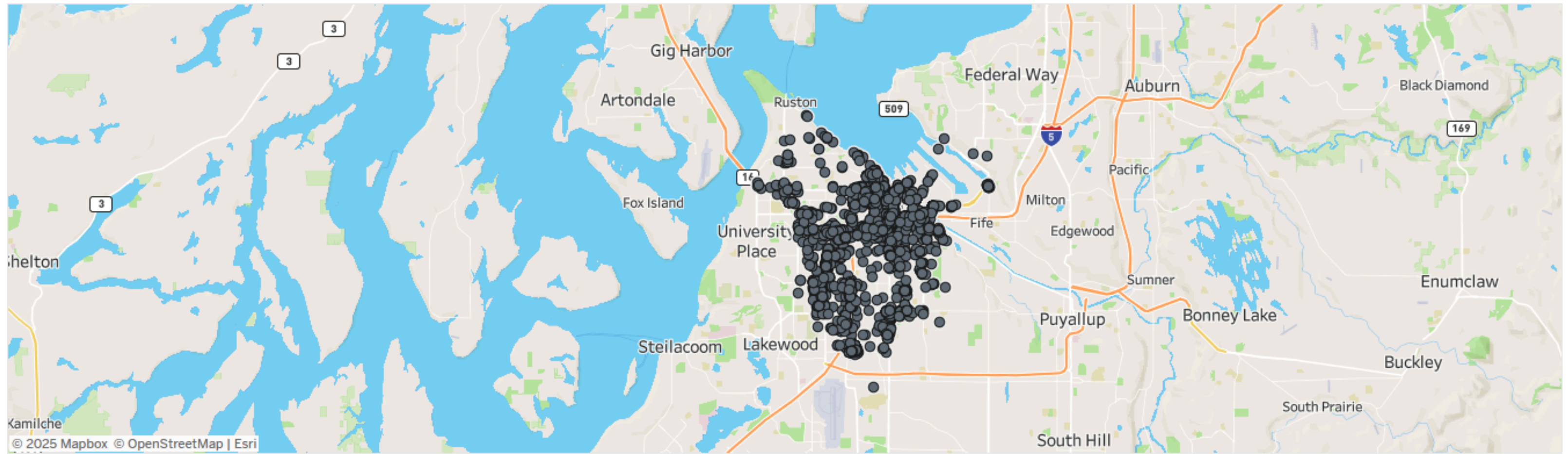
TIDY UP TACOMA

Pounds (lbs.) of Litter, Illegal Dumping, Homeless Encampment Garbage Removed from Public Areas <small>Click on the number below to see a breakdown of weights</small>	Tidy-Up Litter Crew Cleanups	Encampment Cleanups	Completed Tidy-Up 311 Requests
9,623,316	1,976	3,572	15,637

Encampment Cleanups

Select a Map:

- ☒ Encampment Cleanups
- ☐ Completed Tidy-Up 311 Requests
- ☐ Tidy-Up Litter Crew Cleanups
- ☐ Public Litter Can Locations



BEYOND THE BIN

- Free community reuse collection events that encourage folks to donate reusable items.
- Nonprofit partners repurpose and redistribute items back into the community.

8

Events from May-September

260

Individual donations received

1858

Customers engaged with during the events

16,100

Pounds of reusable materials from the landfill



WASTE REDUCTION

SEEKING YOUR FEEDBACK



REPAIR FAIRS



SWAP EVENTS



SHARING SPACES



LIBRARIES OF THINGS



EDUCATIONAL WORKSHOPS



PROJECT FUNDING

Call-2-Haul

WHAT IS IT?



Disposal of **household items, appliances, furniture and more**, through **curbside** removal or **self-haul**

WHO CAN USE IT?



Tacoma **residential, multifamily and commercial** customers.

HOW DOES IT WORK?



Customers can call us at **253-573-2468** to schedule or learn more about C2H at **tacoma.gov/call2haul**

Art by
Mark Monlux

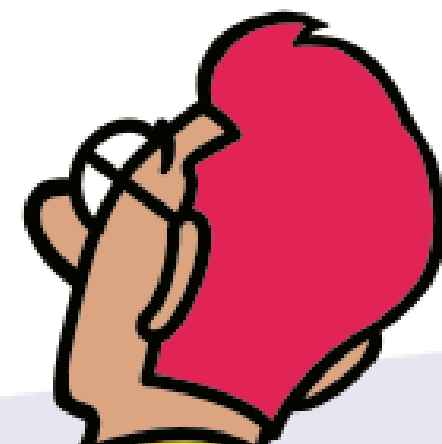


**Got Bulky
Items To
Get Rid Of?**



Call-2-Haul

**is now available for condos
and apartments in Tacoma**



OVERVIEW & UPDATES OF SOLID WASTE SERVICES:

- **TIDY UP TACOMA**

- In 2026 Tidy Up will be partnering with each Neighborhood Business District to do a litter clean up. We will provide the supplies needed and will also dispose of the garbage.
- We'll also be partnering with LitterFree253 in April for the annual citywide clean up during earth month.
- Ruby Gabriel was hired in January 2025 in a new Tidy Up position dedicated to outreach and education.
- In addition to Ruby's role, Tidy Up also took over Neighborhood Litter Patrol/Adopt-A-Spot and private graffiti which was previously housed within Neighborhood Community Services

- **BEYOND THE BIN:**

- Program piloted in 2025, which includes a new series of free community reuse collection events that encourage folks to donate reusable items at TRTC - local
- nonprofit partners repair, repurpose, or redistribute them back into the community.
- Since May 2025 we have saved almost 10,000 lbs. of reusable items – clothing and shoes, housewares, furniture, appliances – from the landfill
- ***Beyond the Bin Project Expansion***
 - In 2026 we hope to continue to offer collection events at Tacoma Recovery and Transfer Center AND expand the program to support more reuse throughout the Tacoma Community
 - Ideas we are considering:
 - Community Swap events at multiple, neighborhood-based locations
 - Repair Fairs
 - Expansion of reuse/donation drop-box network
 - Expansion of types of items collected *for reuse* at Tacoma Recycle Center
 - Development of a reuse resource map, coupled with City-wide waste reduction campaign
 - Educational Workshops
 - Developing/supporting sharing libraries and libraries of things

NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL MEETING – SWM PREP NOTES

- Offering grant funding for organizations and individuals interested in carrying out waste reduction projects
 - Open to feedback for Beyond the Bin and associated waste reduction programs!
- **CALL-2-HAUL:**
 - A service for Tacoma residents to get rid of household items, appliances and furniture, either through curbside removal or if possible, self-haul to the RTC.
 - Residential Solid Waste customers can schedule two pickups or self-hauls a year at no extra cost as the service is built into your current garbage bill.
 - ***Call-2-Haul Multifamily Pilot Program***
 - With the expected increase in multi-family developments in Tacoma it's important to ensure MF residents are aware of services that are available to them.
 - *Residential Solid Waste Rate* pays for garbage, recycling, yard/food waste, household hazardous waste, neighborhood cleanups and Bulky waste pick up (C2H)
 - *MF is currently considered commercial* – rates are based on containers the commercial customer (owners or property management companies) chooses for collection (a la carte model) and currently does not include services like C2H. A la carte rate without additional bundled services offers flexible options tailored to the specific needs and service levels of each business.
 - Reiterate the goal of giving Tacoma options to dispose of bulky items while preventing illegal dumping.
 - Explain why bulky items should not go into garbage bins.
 - \$115 per pick-up (cost of service – labor and overhead cost). No limit on the number of pickups per year.
 - Load size
 - Testing various service models/ideas within the pilot
 - Mini property-based clean-up day
 - Shared service: multiple apartment residents to consolidate items into one pickup – not something we facilitate or offer directly but can be coordinated by the customer.
 - If interested in sharing or learning more, reach out to Nhien
 - Goal of the pilot– seeking community feedback and suggestions to guide changes and improvements so we can make it more accessible for MF all over Tacoma.

2025 Affordable Housing Action Strategy Highlights

355

Affordable housing
units constructed
in 2025

1,916

since 2019



92

Low-income homes
preserved in 2025

378

since 2019



14,561

Low-income Tacoma
households served with
\$5,865,110.98
in 2025

84,022

Low-income Tacoma
households served with
\$50,333,779.76
since 2019

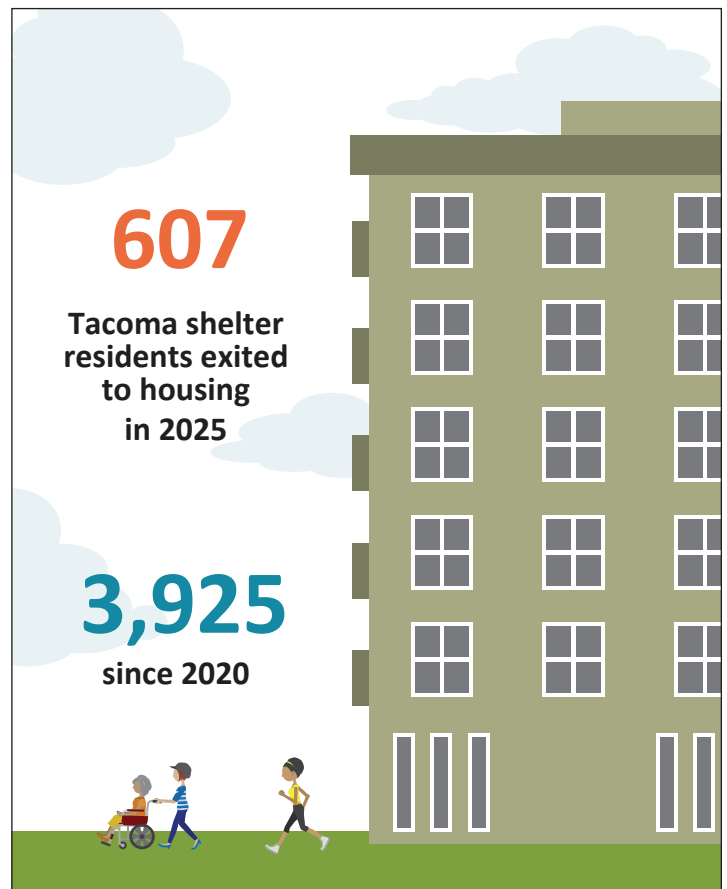


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Tacoma shelter
residents exited
to housing
in 2025

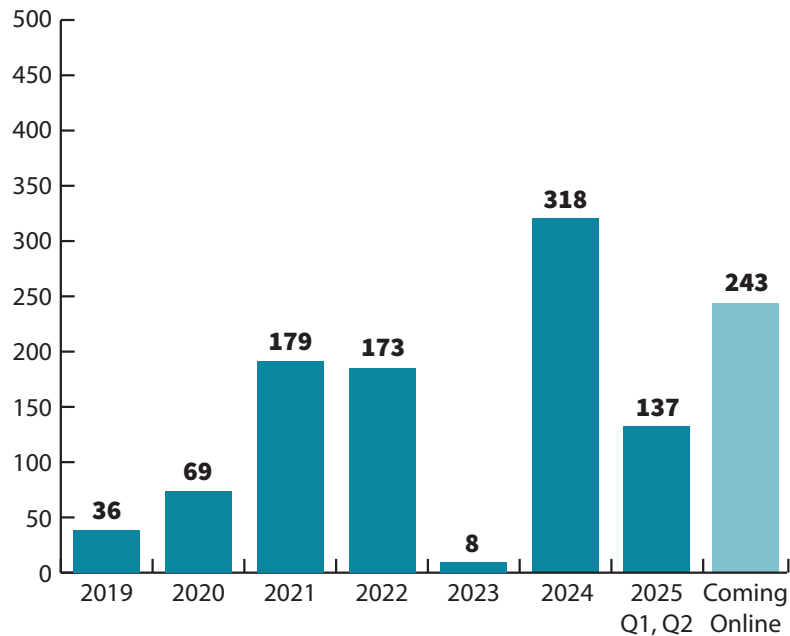
3,925

since 2020

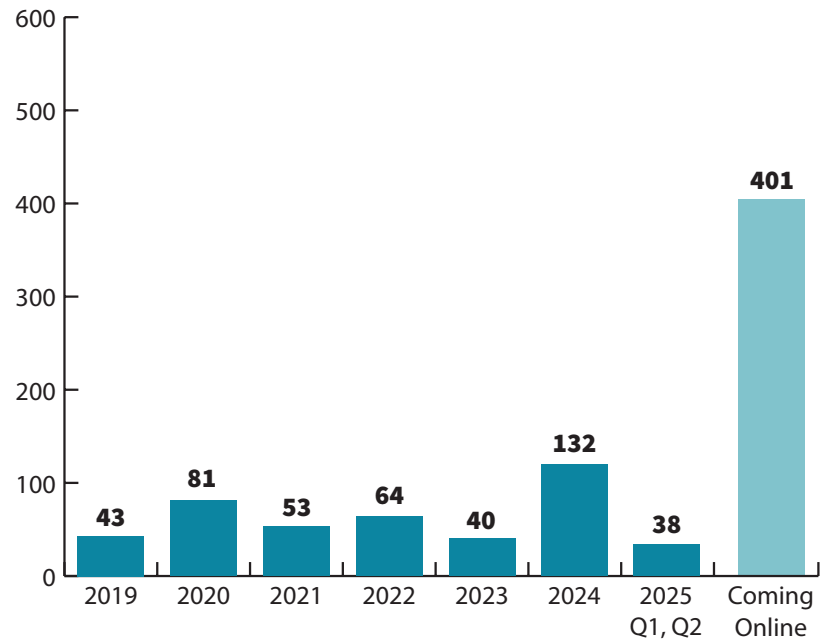


Objective 1: Create More Homes for More People

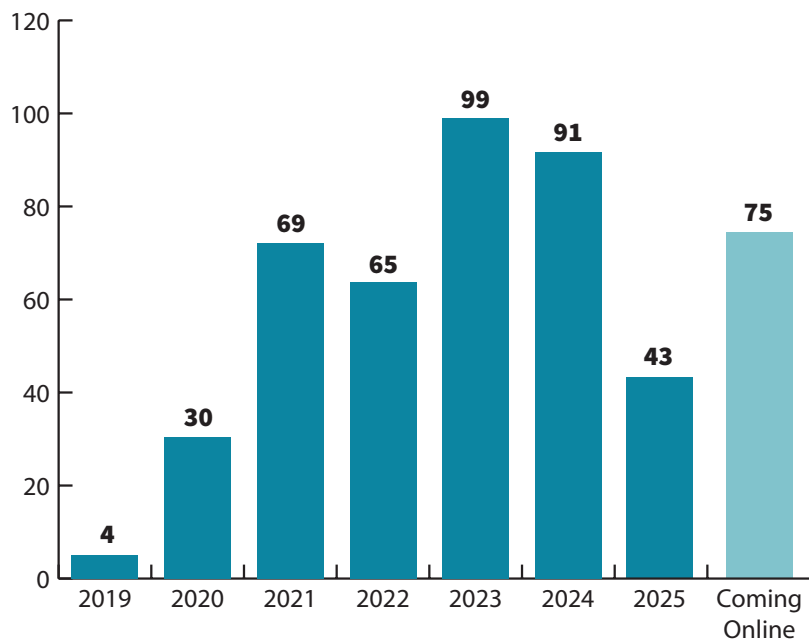
City Funded Affordable Housing Units



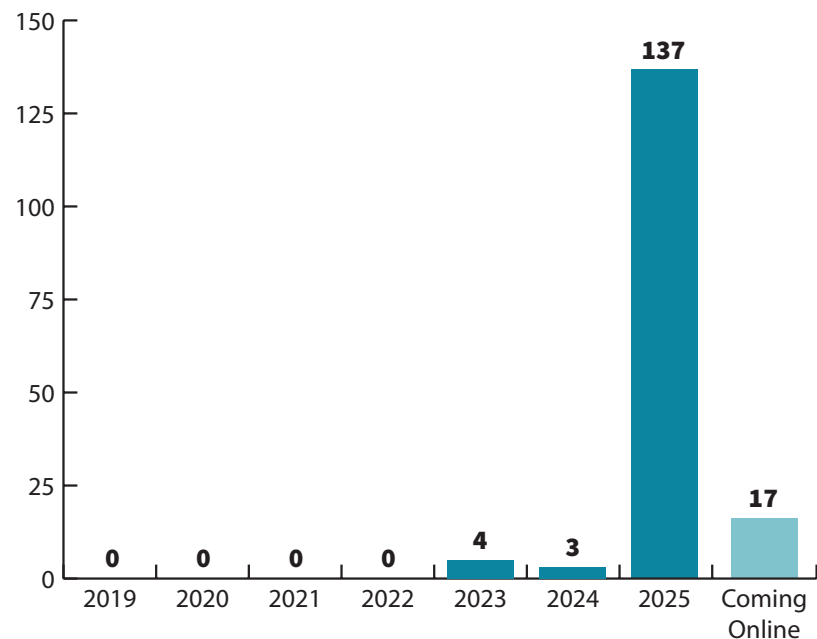
Multifamily Tax Exemption



Accessory Dwelling Units

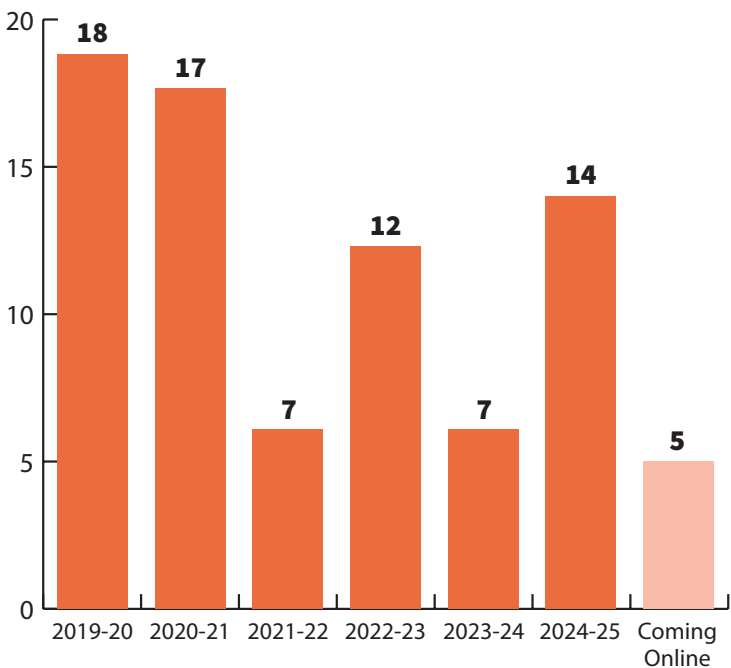


Inclusionary Zoning and Private Upzones

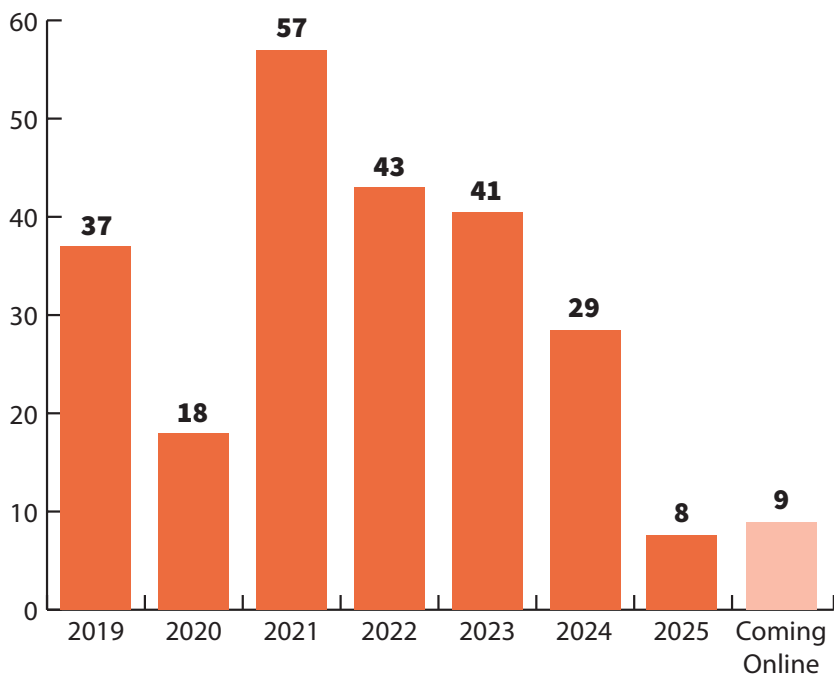


Objective 2: Keep Housing Affordable and in Good Repair

Single Family Rehab Projects



Rebuilding Together South Sound Home Repair Projects Funded



Preservation of Existing Multifamily Affordable Housing
78 completed in 2025

Objective 3: Help People Stay in Their Homes and Communities

**NUMBER OF PEOPLE SERVED
AND TOTAL DOLLARS BY
PROGRAM 2019 - 2025**

Housing Assistance Services

Year	Households	Total amount
2019	1,518	\$493,277.00
2020	653	\$344,079.00
2021	1,308	\$683,167.00
2022	1,338	\$683,167.00
2023	1,300	\$1,059,397.69
2024	916	\$1,644,489.51
2025	554	\$637,242.95

Rental Assistance Program

Year	Households	Total amount
2020	638	\$902,000
2021	761	\$5,027,146
2022	488	\$3,143,837
2023	72	\$569,706
2024		ended in 2023

TPU Bill Credit Assistance Plan

Year	Households	Total amount
2019	1,263	\$216,737.00
2020	1,084	\$227,525.00
2021	1,021	\$230,469.00
2022	1,341	\$286,246.00
2023	5,230	\$1,375,254.00
2024	8,200	\$3,498,443.00
2025	8,038	\$2,361,121.80

TPU Discount Rate Program

Year	Households	Total amount
2019	6,159	\$3,060,764.00
2020	5,504	\$2,862,946.00
2021	5,406	\$3,301,291.00
2022	5,624	\$3,636,082.00
2023	5,805	\$3,783,378.00
2024	5,880	\$4,153,473.46
2025	5,497	\$2,491,746.23

Landlord-Tenant Program

Year	Households
2019	1,346
2020	1,353
2021	983
2022	909
2023	1,003
2024	887
2025	466

Tenant Relocation Fund

Year	Households	Total amount
2019	0	\$0
2020	6	\$6,000
2021	0	\$0
2022	25	\$25,000
2023	0	\$0
2024	1	\$1,000
2025	0	\$0

Down-payment Assistance Program

Year	Households	Total amount
2019	5	\$100,000
2020	0	\$0
2021	1	\$20,000
2022	0	\$0
2023	4	\$50,000
2024	0	\$0
2025	6	\$375,000

Mortgage and Foreclosure Assistance

Year	Households	Dollars Allocated
2021	70	\$334,026.01
2022	30	\$203,185.83
2023	29	\$247,188.82
		<i>ended in 2024</i>

Objective 4: Reduce Barriers for People Who Often Encounter Them

Homeless Emergency Sheltering System

Year	Clients served	Exits to permanent housing
2020	4,805	694
2021	3,152	568
2022	3,106	549
2023	2,759	696
2024	3,911	811
2025	3,048	607
TOTAL	20,781	3,925

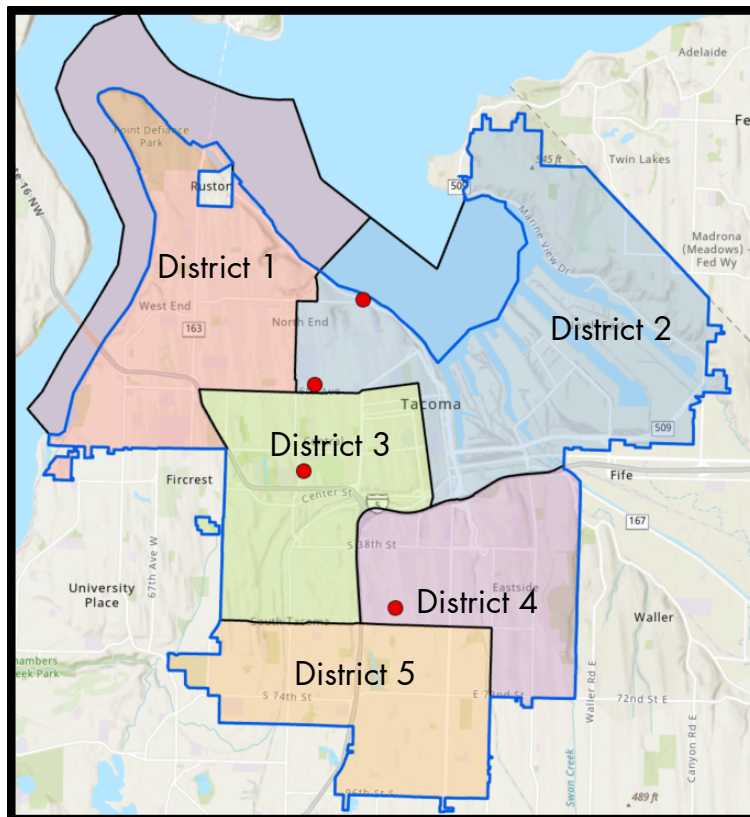


Vision Zero Monthly Crash Report

August 2025

THE DATA IS BASED UPON A TIME-SPECIFIC QUERY FROM THE WASHINGTON STATE PATROL - COLLISIONS ANALYSIS TOOL. THE DATA IS DYNAMIC AND IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE AND/OR REVISION.

August 2025 Fatal and Serious Injury Crashes by Council District



 Fatal or Serious Injury Crash

August Crash Summary

There were 306 total collisions in August:

- 9 collisions involved a pedestrian
- 6 collisions involved a bicyclist
- 4 collisions resulted in a serious injury or fatality

To see the Vision Zero data dashboard or to learn more about Vision Zero, visit: tacoma.gov/visionzero

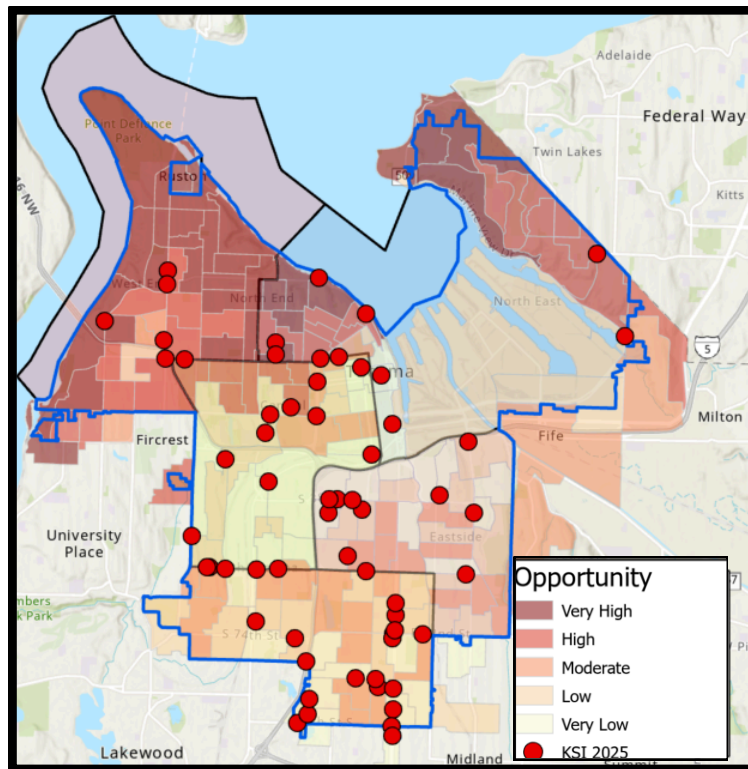
Primary Street	Secondary Street	Victim Age Range	Injury Level	Mode
S Union Ave	S 23rd St	56 - 60	Serious Injury	Motorist
S M St	S 52nd St	18 - 20	Serious Injury	Motorist
N Alder St	N 8th St	15 - 17	Serious Injury	Motorist
N Schuster Pkwy	N Starr St	46 - 50	Serious Injury	Motorist



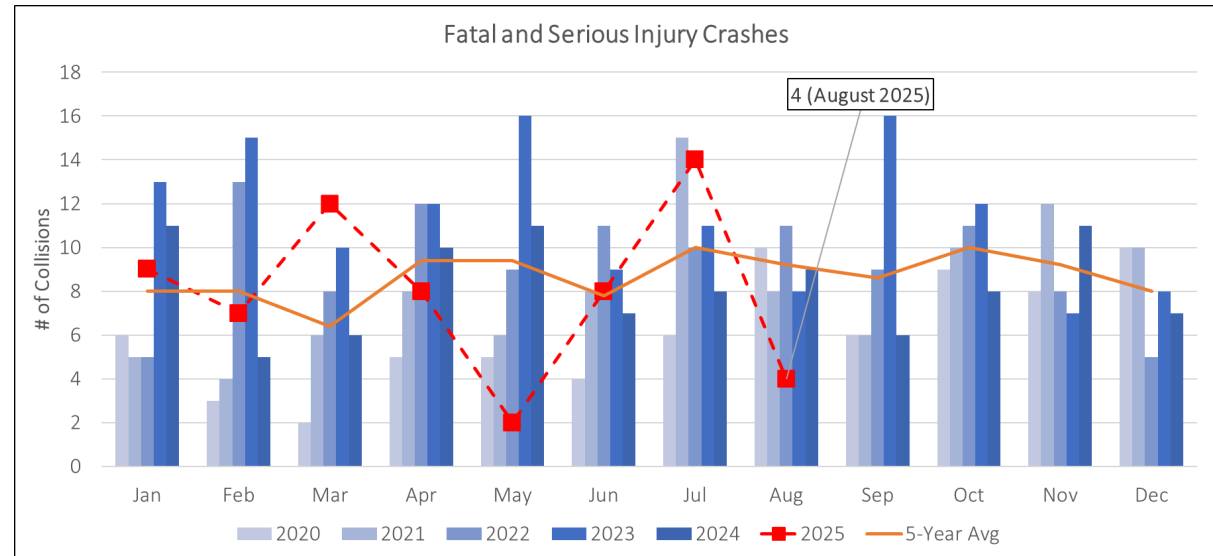
Vision Zero Cumulative and Trends

*City of Tacoma's Goal
Zero fatal and serious injury
traffic crashes by 2035*

2025 Year to Date Fatal and Serious Injury Crashes (Opportunity Index Overlay)



● Fatal or Serious Injury Crash



All Crashes (Annual Totals)				
5-Year Avg			Last 12 Months	
Mode Type	Total	%	Total	%
Bicyclist	35	1%	37	1%
Motorist	3832	96%	3473	95%
Pedestrian	121	3%	152	4%

Fatal and Serious Injury Crashes (Annual Totals)				
5-Year Avg			Last 12 Months	
Mode Type	Total	%	Total	%
Bicyclist	5	5%	4	4%
Motorist	77	74%	67	70%
Pedestrian	22	21%	25	26%

Above 5-Year Average

Below 5-Year Average

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Citywide Weekly Briefing for 15 September 2025 to 21 September 2025

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	21-Sep-2024	21-Sep-2025	21-Sep-2024	21-Sep-2025	21-Sep-2024	21-Sep-2025			
Persons	85	72	390	326	3210	3060	15.3%▼	16.4%▼	4.7%▼
Assault	76	64	349	296	2902	2765	15.8%▼	15.2%▼	4.7%▼
Homicide (doesn't include Negligent/Justifiable)	0	1	2	2	16	18	NC	0.0%	12.5%▲
Kidnapping/Abduction	2	1	8	8	76	62	50.0%▼	0.0%	18.4%▼
Sex Offenses, Forcible	7	6	31	20	214	215	14.3%▼	35.5%▼	0.5%▲
Property	355	204	1636	1094	14677	10464	42.5%▼	33.1%▼	28.7%▼
Arson	0	2	3	9	91	77	NC	200.0%▲	15.4%▼
Burglary/Breaking and Entering	19	12	115	76	1115	877	36.8%▼	33.9%▼	21.3%▼
Counterfeiting/Forgery	1	1	2	3	47	32	0.0%	50.0%▲	31.9%▼
Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property	99	58	441	323	3989	2881	41.4%▼	26.8%▼	27.8%▼
Fraud	12	7	53	43	464	391	41.7%▼	18.9%▼	15.7%▼
Larceny/Theft	146	77	693	426	6025	4376	47.3%▼	38.5%▼	27.4%▼
Motor Vehicle Theft	68	33	270	149	2346	1377	51.5%▼	44.8%▼	41.3%▼
Robbery	7	10	28	37	314	241	42.9%▲	32.1%▲	23.2%▼
Stolen Property	2	3	18	22	233	154	50.0%▲	22.2%▲	33.9%▼
Society	23	13	75	75	496	734	43.5%▼	0.0%	48.0%▲
Drug/Narcotic	16	9	47	51	282	482	43.8%▼	8.5%▲	70.9%▲
Pornography/Obscene Material	0	0	1	3	11	23	0.0%	200.0%▲	109.1%▲
Prostitution	0	0	2	1	4	11	0.0%	50.0%▼	175.0%▲
Weapon Law Violations	7	4	25	20	199	218	42.9%▼	20.0%▼	9.5%▲
Citywide Totals	463	289	2101	1495	18383	14258	37.6%▼	28.8%▼	22.4%▼

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Last 7 Days

Notes:

- There was 1 Homicide offense during the last 7 days.
- 70.3% (45/64) of the Assaults were coded Simple Assault.
- There were 46 DV-related offenses.
- 80.4% (37/46) of the DV-related offenses were Persons.
- 50.0% (32/64) of the Assaults were DV-related.
- DV-related Offenses: 57 ≥ 46
- There were no Gang-Related offense(s) during the last 7 days.
- Theft from Motor Vehicle: 55 ≥ 23

Top 5 Locations - Compared to last year

- 1717 S J St: 1 ↗ 6
- 1440 Puyallup Ave: 0 ↗ 4
- 1302 S 38th St: 3 ↗ 4
- 3808 S Mason Ave: 0 ↗ 4
- 8045 S Hosmer St: 0 ↗ 3
- 3811 E Arlington Dr: 0 ↗ 3
- 4802 S Pine St: 0 ↗ 3
- There were 10 additional locations with 3.

Top 5 Offense Locations - Compared to last year

- Street/Right Of Way: 95 ≥ 64
- Single Family Residence: 59 ≥ 43
- Apartment: 50 ≥ 39
- Parking Lot: 99 ≥ 36
- Grocery Store: 8 ↗ 9



Sector 1 Weekly Briefing for 15 September 2025 to 21 September 2025

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Persons	24	12	111	78	829	771	50.0%▼	29.7%▼	7.0%▼
Assault	22	11	102	71	741	682	50.0%▼	30.4%▼	8.0%▼
Homicide (doesn't include Negligent/Justifiable)	0	0	1	0	5	4	0.0%	100.0%▼	20.0%▼
Kidnapping/Abduction	1	0	3	2	25	17	100.0%▼	33.3%▼	32.0%▼
Sex Offenses, Forcible	1	1	5	5	58	68	0.0%	0.0%	17.2%▲
Property	106	67	504	314	4062	3118	36.8%▼	37.7%▼	23.2%▼
Arson	0	0	0	1	45	22	0.0%	NC	51.1%▼
Burglary/Breaking and Entering	4	8	31	34	314	277	100.0%▲	9.7%▲	11.8%▼
Counterfeiting/Forgery	0	1	0	1	3	4	NC	NC	33.3%▲
Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property	31	25	178	114	1404	1029	19.4%▼	36.0%▼	26.7%▼
Fraud	4	3	8	16	66	100	25.0%▼	100.0%▲	51.5%▲
Larceny/Theft	40	21	193	102	1533	1160	47.5%▼	47.2%▼	24.3%▼
Motor Vehicle Theft	23	7	77	34	568	403	69.6%▼	55.8%▼	29.0%▼
Robbery	4	1	10	5	80	67	75.0%▼	50.0%▼	16.3%▼
Stolen Property	0	1	3	6	37	43	NC	100.0%▲	16.2%▲
Society	1	4	7	22	104	174	300.0%▲	214.3%▲	67.3%▲
Drug/Narcotic	1	3	4	16	59	116	200.0%▲	300.0%▲	96.6%▲
Pornography/Obscene Material	0	0	0	0	3	3	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Prostitution	0	0	0	1	1	5	0.0%	NC	400.0%▲
Weapon Law Violations	0	1	3	5	41	50	NC	66.7%▲	22.0%▲
Sector Totals	131	83	622	414	4995	4063	36.6%▼	33.4%▼	18.7%▼

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Last 7 Days

Notes:

- There were no Homicide offense(s) during the last 7 days.
- 72.7% (8/11) of the Assaults were coded Simple Assault.
- There were 7 DV-related offenses.
- 71.4% (5/7) of the DV-related offenses were Persons.
- 45.5% (5/11) of the Assaults were DV-related.
- DV-related Offenses: 16 ▾ 7
- There were no Gang-Related offense(s) during the last 7 days.
- Theft from Motor Vehicle: 23 ▾ 11

Top 5 Locations - Compared to last year

- 1717 S J St: 1 ↗ 6
- 1440 Puyallup Ave: 0 ↗ 4
- 565 Broadway: 0 ↗ 3
- 1717 Market St: 0 ↗ 3
- E 25th St & E M St: 0 ↗ 3
- 409 S 23rd St: 0 ↗ 3

Top 5 Offense Locations - Compared to last year

- Street/Right Of Way: 40 ▾ 20
- Parking Lot: 26 ▾ 17
- Single Family Residence: 4 ↗ 8
- Apartment: 15 ▾ 8
- Garage (Non-Residential): 1 ↗ 4



Sector 2 Weekly Briefing for 15 September 2025 to 21 September 2025

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	21-Sep-2024	21-Sep-2025	21-Sep-2024	21-Sep-2025	21-Sep-2024	21-Sep-2025			
Persons	22	19	94	69	801	701	13.6%▼	26.6%▼	12.5%▼
Assault	19	18	84	65	712	631	5.3%▼	22.6%▼	11.4%▼
Homicide (doesn't include Negligent/Justifiable)	0	0	0	1	2	5	0.0%	NC	150.0%▲
Kidnapping/Abduction	0	0	1	0	21	10	0.0%	100.0%▼	52.4%▼
Sex Offenses, Forcible	3	1	9	3	65	55	66.7%▼	66.7%▼	15.4%▼
Property	104	51	440	263	3973	2581	51.0%▼	40.2%▼	35.0%▼
Arson	0	1	1	3	15	14	NC	200.0%▲	6.7%▼
Burglary/Breaking and Entering	5	3	23	17	250	192	40.0%▼	26.1%▼	23.2%▼
Counterfeiting/Forgery	0	0	0	0	16	5	0.0%	0.0%	68.8%▼
Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property	31	11	111	81	1068	733	64.5%▼	27.0%▼	31.4%▼
Fraud	4	2	15	11	160	99	50.0%▼	26.7%▼	38.1%▼
Larceny/Theft	43	20	187	104	1704	1089	53.5%▼	44.4%▼	36.1%▼
Motor Vehicle Theft	20	11	93	38	657	371	45.0%▼	59.1%▼	43.5%▼
Robbery	0	2	4	7	62	47	NC	75.0%▲	24.2%▼
Stolen Property	0	0	2	1	27	17	0.0%	50.0%▼	37.0%▼
Society	0	0	5	2	70	49	0.0%	60.0%▼	30.0%▼
Drug/Narcotic	0	0	2	0	39	16	0.0%	100.0%▼	59.0%▼
Pornography/Obscene Material	0	0	0	0	1	2	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%▲
Prostitution	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Weapon Law Violations	0	0	3	2	30	31	0.0%	33.3%▼	3.3%▲
Sector Totals	126	70	539	334	4844	3331	44.4%▼	38.0%▼	31.2%▼

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Last 7 Days

Notes:

- There were no Homicide offense(s) during the last 7 days.
- 83.3% (15/18) of the Assaults were coded Simple Assault.
- There were 14 DV-related offenses.
- 78.6% (11/14) of the DV-related offenses were Persons.
- 55.6% (10/18) of the Assaults were DV-related.
- DV-related Offenses: 15 ↘ 14
- There were no Gang-Related offense(s) during the last 7 days.
- Theft from Motor Vehicle: 11 ↘ 5

Top 5 Locations - Compared to last year

- 2545 N Narrows Dr: 0 ↗ 3
- 3540 N Pearl St: 1 ↗ 3
- 3211 S 7th St: 0 ↗ 2
- 3010 S Melrose St: 0 ↗ 2
- 818 S Winnifred St: 0 ↗ 2
- 3518 S 10th St: 0 ↗ 2
- 315 Martin Luther King Jr Way: 0 ↗ 2
- There were 8 additional locations with 2.

Top 5 Offense Locations - Compared to last year

- Street/Right Of Way: 15 ↗ 18
- Single Family Residence: 26 ↘ 18
- Apartment: 15 ↘ 9
- Medical/Dental/Hospital: 2 ↗ 3
- Parking Lot: 23 ↘ 3
- Sidewalk: 1 ↗ 3
- Drug Store: 1 ↗ 3



Sector 3 Weekly Briefing for 15 September 2025 to 21 September 2025

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	21-Sep-2024	21-Sep-2025	21-Sep-2024	21-Sep-2025	21-Sep-2024	21-Sep-2025			
Persons	20	24	82	89	716	739	20.0%▲	8.5%▲	3.2%▲
Assault	18	20	71	79	659	669	11.1%▲	11.3%▲	1.5%▲
Homicide (doesn't include Negligent/Justifiable)	0	1	0	1	1	2	NC	NC	100.0%▲
Kidnapping/Abduction	0	1	2	3	13	16	NC	50.0%▲	23.1%▲
Sex Offenses, Forcible	2	2	9	6	42	52	0.0%	33.3%▼	23.8%▲
Property	86	56	367	267	3575	2455	34.9%▼	27.2%▼	31.3%▼
Arson	0	1	0	2	15	15	NC	NC	0.0%
Burglary/Breaking and Entering	3	0	28	11	284	175	100.0%▼	60.7%▼	38.4%▼
Counterfeiting/Forgery	1	0	1	1	14	14	100.0%▼	0.0%	0.0%
Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property	22	14	80	67	804	596	36.4%▼	16.3%▼	25.9%▼
Fraud	2	1	12	7	124	95	50.0%▼	41.7%▼	23.4%▼
Larceny/Theft	43	24	184	126	1612	1203	44.2%▼	31.5%▼	25.4%▼
Motor Vehicle Theft	12	14	44	37	549	265	16.7%▲	15.9%▼	51.7%▼
Robbery	2	1	8	8	80	46	50.0%▼	0.0%	42.5%▼
Stolen Property	1	1	7	6	79	30	0.0%	14.3%▼	62.0%▼
Society	5	5	25	27	147	191	0.0%	8.0%▲	29.9%▲
Drug/Narcotic	5	3	17	17	89	120	40.0%▼	0.0%	34.8%▲
Pornography/Obscene Material	0	0	1	2	4	17	0.0%	100.0%▲	325.0%▲
Prostitution	0	0	0	0	0	3	0.0%	0.0%	NC
Weapon Law Violations	0	2	7	8	54	51	NC	14.3%▲	5.6%▼
Sector Totals	111	85	474	383	4438	3385	23.4%▼	19.2%▼	23.7%▼

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Last 7 Days

Notes:

- There was 1 Homicide offense during the last 7 days.
- 75.0% (15/20) of the Assaults were coded Simple Assault.
- There were 14 DV-related offenses.
- 85.7% (12/14) of the DV-related offenses were Persons.
- 50.0% (10/20) of the Assaults were DV-related.
- DV-related Offenses: 14 ↔ 14
- There were no Gang-Related offense(s) during the last 7 days.
- Theft from Motor Vehicle: 14 ↘ 5

Top 5 Locations - Compared to last year

- 3808 S Mason Ave: 0 ↗ 4
- 4802 S Pine St: 0 ↗ 3
- 4002 S Warner St: 0 ↗ 3
- 3202 S Mason Ave: 0 ↗ 3
- 8045 S Hosmer St: 0 ↗ 3
- 4502 S Steele St: 13 ↘ 3

Top 5 Offense Locations - Compared to last year

- Apartment: 12 ↗ 16
- Street/Right Of Way: 17 ↘ 14
- Parking Lot: 28 ↘ 12
- Single Family Residence: 13 ↘ 10
- Tavern: 0 ↗ 2
- Convenience Store (7-11): 2 ↔ 2
- Department Store: 9 ↘ 2
- There were 9 additional locations with 2.



Sector 4 Weekly Briefing for 15 September 2025 to 21 September 2025

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Persons	19	17	103	89	862	848	10.5%▼	13.6%▼	1.6%▼
Assault	17	15	92	80	788	782	11.8%▼	13.0%▼	0.8%▼
Homicide (doesn't include Negligent/Justifiable)	0	0	1	0	8	7	0.0%	100.0%▼	12.5%▼
Kidnapping/Abduction	1	0	2	3	17	19	100.0%▼	50.0%▲	11.8%▲
Sex Offenses, Forcible	1	2	8	6	49	40	100.0%▲	25.0%▼	18.4%▼
Property	59	30	325	250	3066	2310	49.2%▼	23.1%▼	24.7%▼
Arson	0	0	2	3	16	26	0.0%	50.0%▲	62.5%▲
Burglary/Breaking and Entering	7	1	33	14	267	233	85.7%▼	57.6%▼	12.7%▼
Counterfeiting/Forgery	0	0	1	1	14	9	0.0%	0.0%	35.7%▼
Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property	15	8	72	61	713	523	46.7%▼	15.3%▼	26.6%▼
Fraud	2	1	18	9	114	97	50.0%▼	50.0%▼	14.9%▼
Larceny/Theft	20	12	129	94	1175	924	40.0%▼	27.1%▼	21.4%▼
Motor Vehicle Theft	13	1	56	40	572	338	92.3%▼	28.6%▼	40.9%▼
Robbery	1	6	6	17	92	81	500.0%▲	183.3%▲	12.0%▼
Stolen Property	1	1	6	9	90	64	0.0%	50.0%▲	28.9%▼
Society	17	4	38	24	175	320	76.5%▼	36.8%▼	82.9%▲
Drug/Narcotic	10	3	24	18	95	230	70.0%▼	25.0%▼	142.1%▲
Pornography/Obscene Material	0	0	0	1	3	1	0.0%	NC	66.7%▼
Prostitution	0	0	2	0	3	3	0.0%	100.0%▼	0.0%
Weapon Law Violations	7	1	12	5	74	86	85.7%▼	58.3%▼	16.2%▲
Sector Totals	95	51	466	363	4103	3478	46.3%▼	22.1%▼	15.2%▼

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Last 7 Days

Notes:

- There were no Homicide offense(s) during the last 7 days.
- 46.7% (7/15) of the Assaults were coded Simple Assault.
- There were 11 DV-related offenses.
- 81.8% (9/11) of the DV-related offenses were Persons.
- 46.7% (7/15) of the Assaults were DV-related.
- DV-related Offenses: 12 ▾ 11
- There were no Gang-Related offense(s) during the last 7 days.
- Theft from Motor Vehicle: 7 ▾ 2

Top 5 Locations - Compared to last year

- 1302 S 38th St: 3 ↗ 4
- 3811 E Arlington Dr: 0 ↗ 3
- 3101 E D St: 0 ↗ 3
- 1624 E 32nd St: 0 ↗ 2
- 7001 Pacific Ave: 0 ↗ 2
- 5012 E D St: 0 ↗ 2
- 801 S 37th St: 0 ↗ 2
- There were 3 additional locations with 2.

Top 5 Offense Locations - Compared to last year

- Street/Right Of Way: 23 ▾ 12
- Single Family Residence: 16 ▾ 7
- Grocery Store: 4 ↗ 6
- Apartment: 8 ▾ 6
- Parking Lot: 22 ▾ 4



MEETINGS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 29, 2025 THROUGH OCTOBER 3, 2025

TIME	MEETING	LOCATION
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2025		
5:00 PM	Committees, Boards, and Commissions Equity Index Workshop – SPECIAL MEETING	747 Market St., Municipal Bldg., Conf. Rm. 243
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2025		
9:00 AM	Hearing Examiner's Hearing*	747 Market St., Municipal Bldg., Council Chambers Visit https://tacoma.gov/hearingexaminer
10:00 AM	Economic Development Committee – CHANGE OF LOCATION	747 Market St., Municipal Bldg., Council Chambers Join Zoom Meeting at: https://zoom.us/j/88227539908 Telephonic: Dial 253-215-8782 Meeting ID: 882 2753 9908 Passcode: 614650
11:15 AM	Bid Opening**	3628 S. 35th St., Public Utilities Bldg., ABN-M1 Join Zoom Meeting at: https://zoom.us/j/88402380573 Telephonic: Dial 253-215-8782 Meeting ID: 884 0268 0573 Passcode: 070737 Visit www.tacomapurchasing.org
NOON	City Council Study Session	747 Market St., Municipal Bldg., Council Chambers Join Zoom Meeting at: https://zoom.us/j/89496171192 Telephonic: Dial 253-215-8782 Meeting ID: 894 9617 1192 Passcode: 896569
5:00 PM	City Council Meeting	747 Market St., Municipal Bldg., Council Chambers Join Zoom Meeting at: https://zoom.us/j/84834233126 Telephonic: Dial 253-215-8782 Meeting ID: 848 3423 3126 Passcode: 349099
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2025		
5:00 PM	Planning Commission	747 Market St., Municipal Bldg., Council Chambers Join Zoom Meeting at: https://zoom.us/j/84416624153 Telephonic: Dial 253-215-8782 Meeting ID: 844 1662 4153 Contact Stephen Atkinson at 253-905-4146
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2025		
9:00 AM	Hearing Examiner's Hearing*	747 Market St., Municipal Bldg., Council Chambers Visit https://tacoma.gov/hearingexaminer
10:00 AM	Fire Pension/Disability Board	3628 S. 35th St., Public Utilities Bldg., ABN-Ground Floor, Retirement Conf. Rm. Join Zoom Meeting at: https://zoom.us/j/88629750418 Telephonic: Dial 253-215-8782 Meeting ID: 886 2975 0418 Passcode: 169592 Contact Cheri Campbell at 253-502-8700
5:00 PM	Civil Service Board Meeting and Study Session	747 Market St., Municipal Bldg., Council Chambers Join Zoom Meeting at: https://zoom.us/j/85371075182 Telephonic: Dial 253-215-8782 Meeting ID: 853 7107 5182 Passcode: 657068 Contact Wendy Hobson at 253-591-2059

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2025

NO MEETINGS SCHEDULED



Meeting sites are accessible to people with disabilities. People with disabilities requiring special accommodations should contact the appropriate department(s) 48 hours prior to the meeting time.

* Hearing Examiner's Hearings and Local Improvement District Meetings meet on an as-needed basis. Contact the Hearing Examiner's Office at 253-591-5195 to confirm whether a meeting will be held this week. Hearings may be held at various times throughout the day.

** Bid Opening will be held on an as-needed basis. Contact the Finance Procurement and Payables Office at 253-502-8468 or www.tacomapurchasing.org to confirm whether Bid Opening will be held.



Tacoma City Council Constituent Intake Website Data Report: September 2025

Total Request
Submissions

915

Total Submissions

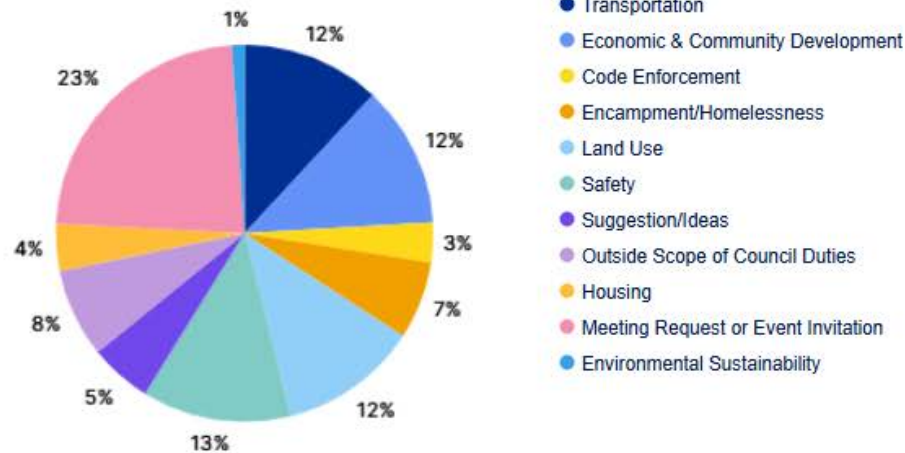
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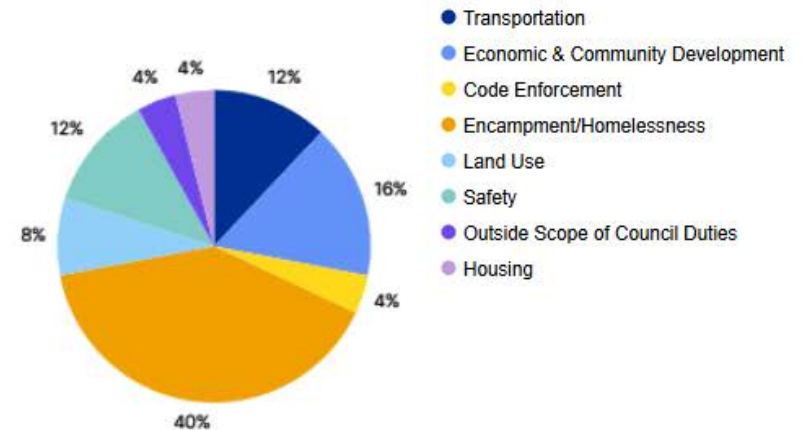
Inquiries that include
+1 Council Member

Topic Codes

Summary



Last 14 Days



Submission Summary

Submissions by Month



Submissions by Council District





TO: Hyun Kim, Interim City Manager
FROM: Vicky McLaurin, Interim Director, Neighborhood and Community Services (NCS)
Caleb Carbone, NCS Homeless Strategy, Systems and Service Manager
Javon Carlisle, NCS Homeless Engagement Alternative Liaisons Manager
COPY: City Council and City Clerk
SUBJECT: Quarterly TMC 8.19 Implementation Update
DATE: September 26th, 2025

SUMMARY:

This memo is intended to provide an update on ongoing and upcoming work in the City's efforts to address homelessness. The following provides details on the implementation of [TMC 8.19](#) with the updates in accordance with Ordinance 28831, and progress on the [City of Tacoma's 5-Year Homelessness Strategy](#).

BACKGROUND:

In Fall 2022, Tacoma City Council adopted [Second Amended Substitute Ordinance 28831](#), prohibiting camping and the storage of personal belongings in a 10-block radius around temporary shelters in Tacoma as well as Aspen Court (a city-permitted emergency and transitional housing facility), and all public property within 200 feet of Tacoma's mapped rivers, waterways, creeks, streams, and shorelines. Second Amended Substitute Ordinance 28831 contains the following reporting requirements:

1. Number of people offered services when this ordinance is implemented, and of those, the number of people who accepted services, before and after implementation, and delineated between the prohibited camping areas and non-prohibited camping areas.
2. Number of temporary shelters or safe parking sites in the city, before and after implementation of this ordinance.
3. Number of safety issues received by South Sound 911 in areas prohibiting camping and storage of personal belongings, before and after implementation of this ordinance.
4. Number of 311 requests related to homelessness in areas prohibiting camping and storage of personal belongings, before and after implementation of this ordinance.
5. Staffing levels of the Homeless Engagement Alternative Liaisons (HEAL) Team, including number of full-time employees (FTEs) on staff, budgeted FTEs, and hours worked, before and after implementation of this ordinance.
6. Statistics and data provided by the Tacoma Police Department (TPD) on the enforcement of the ordinance.

ISSUE:

The City established a 10-block buffer around the City's permitted temporary shelters and Aspen Court to provide sufficient space and safety measures to ensure the protection of the community and those staying at these temporary shelters against the adverse impacts of unsanctioned camping. The City also prohibited camping within 200 feet of the Protected Waters including but not limited to the Puyallup River, First Creek, Roosevelt Ditch, T Street Gulch, Clear Creek, Swan Creek, Squally Creek, the Thea Foss Waterway, the Middle Waterway, the St. Paul Waterway, the Blair Waterway, Wapato Creek, the Hylebos Waterway, Hylebos Creek, and the shorelines of Commencement Bay.



Implementation of TMC 8.19: The following information details the reporting requirements related to TMC 8.19.

1. Homeless Engagement Alternative Liaison Team Outreach Stats

Figure 1.1 below demonstrates the total outreach stats since TMC 8.19 implementation including both prohibited and non-prohibited areas. Information for this update is in the September 9th, 2025 column (which covers the period of June 1, 2025, through August 31, 2025). Additionally, the column that represents the “Total Since Implementation” includes all data related to TMC 8.19 starting November 15th, 2022. Lastly, Figure 1.1 also provides the last two-year totals for comparison.

Figure 1.1

	Sept. 12 th 2023 Update	Sept 5 th 2024 Update	Sept. 9 th 2025 Update	2025 Total (YTD)	2024 Total	2023 Total	Total Since Implementation (Nov. 2022)
Encampment Removals	39	87	132	353	373	172	964
Encampment Removals in prohibited areas	36	73	81	256	328	156	776
Debris Removed in lbs.	790,020*	468,280	410,860	1,171,280	1,920,320	5,014,250	9,074,159
Outreach Stats							
Contacts Made	998	1,156	359	1,186	2,856	3,021	7,675
Interested in Services	496 (50%)	349 (30%)	257 (72%)	753 (63%)	1,289 (37%)	1,768 (56%)	3,844 (50%)
Placed in Shelter	80 (8%)	94 (8%)	51 (14%)	174 (15%)	276 (10%)	291 (9%)	815 (11%)

Figure 1.1 shows that although the total number of individuals placed into shelter during the past two quarters has decreased compared to 2023 and 2024 year-to-date, the proportion of people engaged through outreach who ultimately secure shelter placements has increased. The current 14% placement rate aligns with the 2025 year-to-date average and may reflect both a reduction in visibly unhoused individuals across the City and a more targeted approach to outreach.

*The tonnage removed in the September 2023 presentation has been updated from 300,000lbs to 790,020lbs. This is due to a different tracking system in which HEAL was only recording tonnage from encampment removals, and not the general clean-up of homeless-related debris and garbage. The number 790,020lbs. was pulled from the [Tidy Up Dashboard](#).



2. Capacity of Emergency, Temporary, and Safe Parking Beds

Figure 2.1 below demonstrates current shelter capacity. By the end of July 2025, the City saw a reduction of 199 beds supported by City funds. This decrease occurred in June and July with the decommissioning of three shelter sites: The Forging Path site at 3561 Pacific Avenue, which had sheltered up to 135 individuals, Alzheimer Memorial Family shelter at 1121 S. Alzheimer Street which served families and had a total capacity of 32 and Brotherhood RISE located at 2135 MLK Jr. Way which hosted 16 units and had the ability to serve up to 32 people.

Although the City has experienced the standdown of these shelters, there are additional beds that have been brought online in that timeline funded by the Washington State Department of Commerce and located in the City of Tacoma. These locations are Oasis Inn (6802 Tacoma Mall Blvd), a hotel conversion site, that is currently operationally and has a total capacity of 105 people, and Kingfisher Village (84th and Hosmer), a micro-shelter site that can host up to 120 people for an additional capacity of 225 units.

Figure 2.1

	3 ½ months before the implementation	3 ½ months after the implementation	3 rd Quarter 2023 Update	3 rd Quarter 2024 Update	3 rd Quarter 2025 Update
Shelter Types	Nov. 14 th 2022	March 14 th 2023	September 12 th 2023	September 5 th 2024	Today
Emergency Shelters	380	430	462	327	*160
Temporary Shelters	112	112	112	112	*40
Permanent Shelters	648	620	620	620	620
Safe Parking	0	0	40	40	40
Total	1,140	1,162	1,234	1,099	**860

*These numbers reflect the Shelter Standdown Planning and Execution plan through June and July 2025, and the closure of Shiloh Baptist shelter which hosted 40 beds for single adult men and stood down to help the provide transition to Shiloh's focus towards their New Life housing program.

**This number only reflects the shelters that are funded by the City of Tacoma.



Figure 2.2

Shelter Type	Shelter	Number of Beds	Anticipated Standdown
Temporary	Bethlehem Baptist Church	40	June 2026
Emergency	Tacoma Emergency Micro-Shelter Site #3 - Low Income Housing Institute	60	June 2026
Emergency	Holy Rosary Safe Parking- Catholic Community Services	40	June 2026
Emergency	Stability Site- Catholic Community Services	100	Ongoing
Permanent	Nativity House- Catholic Community Services	167	Ongoing
Permanent	The Rescue Mission Adams Street Family Shelter	120	Ongoing
Permanent	The Rescue Mission Adults Shelters	160	Ongoing
Permanent	The Salvation Army	40	Ongoing
Permanent	Beacon Young Adult Shelter- Valeo Vocations	50	Ongoing
Permanent	Youth Crisis Residential Center	8	Ongoing
Permanent	YWCA Domestic Violence Shelter	56	Ongoing
Permanent	Korean Women's Association Domestic Violence Shelter	19	Ongoing
Total beds		860	

Figure 2.2 above outlines shelter categories, bed capacity, and current timeline for each site. \$3 million in State funding will be allocated to Bethlehem Baptist Overnight Shelter, Tacoma Emergency Micro-Shelter Site #3, and Holy Rosary Safe Parking—three sites that meet all operational requirements—to maintain 140 shelter and safe parking beds through June 2026.

3. Safety Issues Recorded by South Sound 911

Figure 3.1

	3 ½ months before the implementation	3 ½ months after the implementation
Prohibited Areas	August 1 st - November 14th 2022	November 15 th , 2022- Feb. 28 th , 2023
Total Calls for Services	34,361	35,481 (+1,120)

Figure 3.1 reflects the number of safety issues received by South Sound 911 in prohibited areas before and after implementation of this ordinance. These numbers reflect calls for service and not reported crimes. The top three in each prohibited area continue to be Medical Aid, Welfare Checks, and 911 Hang-Ups.



Figure 3.2

	4th Quarter 2024 Update	1st Quarter 2025 Update	2 nd Quarter 2025 Update	3rd Quarter 2025 Update
	Sept 1 st – November 30 th , 2024	December 1 st , 2024 – February 28 th , 2025	March 1 st , 2025 – May 31 st , 2025	June 1 st – August 31 st , 2024
Prohibited Areas	27,006	26,464 (-542)	23,746 (-2,718)	12,482
Non-prohibited Areas	23,046	21,297 (-1,749)	24,529 (+3,232)	40,435
Total Calls for Services	50,052	47,761 (-2,291)	48,275 (+514)	52,917

Figure 3.2 reflects the data from the HEAL dashboard for the last four consecutive quarters and represents unduplicated calls in the designated prohibited areas, non-prohibited areas, and citywide totals during each quarter. The data reflects the number of safety issues reported to South Sound 911. Because of recent shelter standdowns, the number of prohibited areas decreased from 8 to 5. This means the calls shifted from being reflected in the prohibited areas category to non-prohibited areas, therefore data from the 3rd Quarter 2025 is not comparable to previous quarters.

4. 311 Requests Related to Homelessness

The following figures detail the requests received in the Tacoma First 311 system related to homelessness. Figure 4.1 demonstrates those requests received in the areas subject to restrictions under TMC 8.19. Figure 4.2 details the requests received in the areas not subject to the prohibitions of TMC 8.19.

Figure 4.1

Prohibited Areas:

	3 ½ months before implementation	3 ½ months after implementation	3rd Quarter 2023 Update	3rd Quarter 2024 Update	3rd Quarter 2025 Update
Request Category	August 1 st - November 14th 2022	November 15 th , 2022- Feb. 28 th 2023	June 1 st - August 31 st , 2023	June 1 st - August 31 st , 2024	June 1 st - August 31 st , 2025
Request for Outreach	1,135	775↓	937	1,000↑	198
Living on Public Property in Vehicle	841	718↓	1,224	934↓	233
Illegal Dumping on Public Property	969	783↓	655	883↑	360
Contact Us	170	74↓	121	215↑	11
Prohibited Areas Total	3,115	2,350↓	2,937	3,032↑	802
Citywide Total	4,758	3,934↓	4,854	5,261↑	4,910↓



Figure 4.2
Non-Prohibited Areas:

	3 ½ months before implementation	3 ½ months after implementation	3rd Quarter 2023 Update	3rd Quarter 2024 Update	3rd Quarter 2025 Update
Request Category	August 1 st - November 14 th 2022	November 15 th , 2022- Feb. 28 th 2023	June 1 st - August 31 st , 2023	June 1 st - August 31 st , 2024	June 1 st - August 31 st , 2025
Request for Outreach	458	356↓	412	505↑	1,439
Living on Public Property in Vehicle	529	591↑	994	861↓	1,052
Illegal Dumping on Public Property	679	586↓	432	753↑	1,502
Contact Us	68	51↓	79	110↑	115
Non-Prohibited Areas Total	1,734	1,584↓	1,917	2,229↑	4,108
Citywide Total	4,758	3,934↓	4,854	5,261↑	4,910↓

Staff continues to update the data to be consistent with the [Homeless Engagement Dashboard](#) 311 request data. The updated figures include request for outreach, people living on public property in a vehicle or motorhome, illegal dumping on public property, and “contact us” requests for homeless issues. Additionally, the data includes all open, closed, and archived statuses for each 311 that is under each category regarding homelessness.

Because of recent shelter standdowns, the number of prohibited areas decreased from 8 to 5. This means the calls shifted from being reflected in the prohibited areas category to non-prohibited areas, therefore data from the 3rd Quarter 2025 is not comparable to previous quarters. The citywide total data, however, is comparable quarter over quarter and shows a 7% reduction in all 311-requests related to homelessness.

5. Staffing Levels of the Homeless Engagement Alternative Liaison Team

Figure 5.1

	3 ½ months before the implementation	3 ½ months after the implementation	3rd Quarter 2023 Update	3rd Quarter 2024 Update	3rd Quarter 2025 Update
	August 1 st - November 14 th , 2022	November 15 th , 2022- Feb. 28 th , 2023	June 1 st - Aug 31 st , 2023	June 1 st - Aug 31 st , 2024	June 1 st - Aug 31 st , 2025
Number of HEAL FTEs	4	5	8	8	8
Number of Budgeted HEAL FTEs	5	8	8	8	8
Estimate of Hours at Full Capacity*	2,960	3,736	3,584	4,032	4,032
Number of Hours worked by HEAL*	2,120 (72%)	2,672 (72%)	3,360 (94%)	3,864 (96%)	3,568 (88%)

*Numbers do not include Onboarding, Trainings, Holidays, and Time-off

The information included in Figure 5.1 reflects the outreach availability of the HEAL Team, which has been fully staffed with 8 FTEs since September 11th, 2023. The HEAL team did have an FTE vacancy for five weeks during this quarter, which impacted the number of hours worked by 200 hours.



6. Enforcement of the Ordinance

Per Council directive, the City continues to provide the least restrictive enforcement methods as possible with regards to encampment removals within these boundaries. Since last report, there have been no additional citations, infractions or fines issued as a result of [Second Amended Substitute Ordinance 28831](#). Since implementation, there have been three total arrests. The team continues to be committed to providing resources for sheltering and other needs for every individual who is experiencing homelessness to move towards stability.

City of Tacoma Homelessness Strategy:

In September 2022, the City of Tacoma published its strategic plan to address homelessness, recognizing that ending homelessness in Tacoma will require short-term and long-range efforts built on both public and private partnerships to address immediate needs like shelter, while also tackling housing affordability in our community. The plan represents the work that is ongoing by both the City and our community partners who are providing direct services daily.

The City of Tacoma recognizes that homelessness is a complex situation. The plan includes traditional approaches to addressing homelessness and creates space for innovative options to be implemented as they are developed.

This strategy aims to achieve “Functional Zero”, ensuring that individuals or families experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness can quickly access shelter, services, and a clear path to permanent housing.

1. The strategy includes five goals and under each of these goals are several objectives that support the implementation of these goals. Ensure affordable housing is available and accessible to Tacoma residents.
2. Everyone experiencing homelessness in Tacoma, or impacted by homelessness, can access services and support.
3. The shelter system in Tacoma offers Tacoma residents a safe and dignified experience that is easy to access.
4. Tacoma’s homeless service system provides individuals and families with access to a continuum of tailored supports to prevent and end homelessness.
5. Tacoma’s homeless service system provides individuals and families with access to permanent, stable housing to end the cycle of homelessness.

For more information on strategy, please refer to the [City of Tacoma’s 5-Year Strategy on Homelessness](#).

NCS presented an implementation update at City Council’s Study Session on September 9th, 2025.

CONCLUSION:

The City continues to recognize the importance of addressing the issues of homelessness and household stability for our community and continues to work towards innovative solutions. We remain committed to the goals and objectives outlined in the homelessness strategy and will continue to work towards offering safe and stable housing and access to resources for every member of our community. The City will continue to provide services that promote accessibility, accountability, and collaboration in finding



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solutions to address homelessness throughout the city's homelessness system. The next quarterly update on this topic will be delivered to Council in a Council Action Memorandum in December 2025.



CITY OF TACOMA, WASHINGTON OFFICE OF THE CITY COUNCIL COUNCIL CONSIDERATION REQUEST

TO: Mayor & City Council

FROM: Council Member Kristina Walker and Policy Analyst Christina Caan

COPIES TO: Hyun Kim, Interim City Manager; Chris Bacha, City Attorney

SUBJECT: **Resolution – Council contingency fund request to sponsor 2nd Cycle’s Bike Stories 2025**

DATE: September 24, 2025

We ask for your support for a Council contingency fund expenditure of \$2,500 to sponsor 2nd Cycle’s Bike Stories 2025.

LEGISLATIVE INTENT

Council Contingency Fund Request: We ask for your support for a Council contingency fund expenditure of \$2,500 to sponsor 2nd Cycle’s Bike Stories 2025. Bike Stories raises essential funds to support 2nd Cycle’s mission of empowering youth, engaging the community, and advocating for safer, more equitable cycling in Tacoma. With the City’s sponsorship, 2nd Cycle can continue expanding opportunities for riders of all ages and backgrounds while celebrating the role bikes play in building a connected, resilient Tacoma. This event will also feature Community Awards for individuals who exemplify 2nd Cycle’s five strategic pillars, including community hub, youth empowerment and education, advocacy for safer cycling in Tacoma, serving under-resourced populations, and reflecting the diversity of Tacoma.

- 2nd Cycle is a non-profit organization working to build a stronger, more connected community through the joy of cycling.¹ Their mission is to demystify and normalize bike riding as a part of daily life and to make the joy of bike riding accessible to all, while also helping community members see the bicycle as a tool for personal and community empowerment.
- 2nd Cycle has served more than 1,300 young people through their community programs.² These programs include: “Let’s Go” and “Let’s Keep Going” Programs to deliver elementary, middle, and high school cycling education through the statewide school-based bicycle safety curriculum; “Teens Biking to Destinations” to build riding skills, confidence, and independence for middle and high school students; “Safe Routes to School” to manage school-based bicycle safety programming, bike rodeos, and traffic gardens to reach hundreds of students annually; and a “Youth Diversion Program” to partner with juvenile courts to provide constructive alternatives for young people, using bicycle education and repair skills to build confidence and reduce recidivism.

2nd Cycle and the celebration of bike culture plays a vital role in advancing multiple goals and priorities outlined in several of the City’s strategic plans. The 2025 Climate Action Plan Update calls for the City to undertake a range of activities aimed at promoting more active transportation and

¹ [Second Cycle | Bike Shop, Cycling Advocacy, and Community Events](#)

² [Programs & Registration | Second Cycle](#)

completing the City's bicycle network to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.³ Part of the City's Vision Zero goals also include educating community members about safety for all road users, including bicycles.⁴ In addition, the Community Safety Action Strategy recognizes the need to go beyond policing and crime enforcement to deepen the community's perceptions of safety.⁵ This includes fostering safer environments for active transportation. Finally, 2nd Cycle is an important partner in advancing the City's livability, inclusion, and accessibility goals outlined in the Tacoma 2025 Framework, including improving health outcomes.⁶

- The City of Tacoma's sponsorship would include the following items: recognition as an official sponsor of Bike Stories 2025; City logo placement on event poster, program, and website; acknowledgment in social media and event promotions; verbal recognition during the event program; and the opportunity to celebrate alongside 100+ community members, elected officials, and leaders committed to building a stronger bike culture in Tacoma.

FUNDING REQUESTED: \$2,500

DESIRED RESOLUTION DATE: October 7, 2025

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Community members have expressed a strong desire for expanded support for active transportation. Numerous community members have also spoken publicly at City Council meetings about the challenges they face regarding equitable and safe cycling in Tacoma. In addition, the City's Community Survey shows a robust interest in improving bike infrastructure, with nearly 40 percent of respondents expressing that they are dissatisfied or very dissatisfied with the ease of bicycle travel in Tacoma.⁷

2025 STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

Equity and Accessibility: 2nd Cycle welcomes and offers support to all community members regardless of race, age, culture, ability, ethnicity or nationality, gender identity and expression, sexual orientation, marital status, religious affiliation, and socioeconomic status. Their website shares statements that reject any discrimination in their shop or organization.

Civic Engagement: *Equity Index Score:* Moderate Opportunity

Increase the percentage of residents who believe they are able to have a positive impact on the community and express trust in the public institutions in Tacoma.

Livability: *Equity Index Score:* Moderate Opportunity

Increase positive public perception of safety and overall quality of life.

Improve health outcomes and reduce disparities, in alignment with the community health needs assessment and CHIP, for all Tacoma residents

³ [2030 Climate Action Plan, 2025 Update | City of Tacoma](#)

⁴ [Vision Zero | City of Tacoma](#)

⁵ [Community Safety Action Strategy | City of Tacoma](#)

⁶ [City of Tacoma 2025](#)

⁷ [Tacoma Community Survey 2024.pdf](#)

ALTERNATIVES

Alternative	Positive Impacts	Negative Impacts
Do not fund the sponsorship	Council would preserve contingency funds for other priorities.	The event organizers may need to reduce the scope and scale of the event, decreasing the ability of 2 nd Cycle to fundraise and provide community benefit.

EVALUATIONS AND FOLLOW UP

The City of Tacoma will receive the sponsorship benefits outlined above and provide information on how to apply for the Special Events Funding Program Application in future years.

SPONSOR RECOMMENDATION

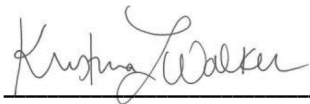
Sponsors recommend providing \$2,500 in Council contingency funds to sponsor 2nd Cycle's Bike Stories 2025.

FISCAL IMPACT

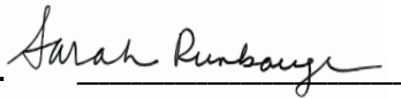
\$2,500 from Council contingency funds.

If you have a question related to the Council contingency fund request, please contact Christina Caan, Policy Analyst, at (253) 219-0679 (phone) or ccaan@tacoma.gov.

SUBMITTED FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION BY:


Council Member Kristina Walker


SUPPORTING COUNCIL MEMBERS SIGNATURES

1. 

POS# 2

2. 

POS# 4

Mayor's Initials: 

Contingency Commitments

	Funding Amount
2025	\$ 321,709.00
Resolution 41610	
Council Requested - Golden Gloves Sponsorship	\$ 10,000.00
Council Contingency fund expenditure of \$10,000 to support the 76 th Annual Golden Gloves Boxing Tournament in Tacoma.	
Substitute Ordinance 29002	
Grand Cinema Capital Campaign	\$ 50,000.00
Dedicate \$50,000 of the 2025-2026 Budget for Council Contingency to the Grand Cinema Capital Campaign for improvements to the Merlino Building.	
Substitute Ordinance 29002	
Rebuilding Hope Capital Campaign	\$ 25,000.00
Dedicate \$25,000 of the 2025-2026 Budget for Council Contingency for the Rebuilding Hope Capital Campaign.	
Resolution 41681	
Tacoma Porchfest	\$ 10,000.00
Council Contingency fund expenditure of \$10,000 to sponsor Tacoma Porchfest.	
Resolution 41968	
South Tacoma Green Blocks Program	\$ 15,000.00
Council Contingency Fund expenditure of \$15,000 to Supplement the \$30,000 South Tacoma Neighborhood Planning Booster funding to conduct a full green blocks-scale program in the South Tacoma Neighborhood.	
Resolution 41724	
Historical Society 2025 Destiny Dinner Sponsorship	\$ 10,000.00
Council Contingency Fund expenditure in the amount of \$10,000 to support the Tacoma Historical Society's 2025 Destiny Dinner.	
Resolution 41723	
BIPOC Health & Wellness Fair	\$ 5,000.00
A Council Contingency Fund expenditure in the amount of \$5,000 to support the 2025 BIPOC Health & Wellness Fair.	
Resolution 41140	
Grit of Destiny Sponsorship	\$ 15,000.00
A Council Contingency Fund expenditure of \$15,000 for a "Grit of Destiny: City of Tacoma" Documentary	
Resolution 411735	
	\$ 50,000.00
A Council Contingency Fund expenditure of \$50,000 for staffing and facilitation of the Tacoma Labor Standards Task Force.	
Resolution 41757	
	\$ 20,000.00
A Council Contingency Fund expenditure of \$20,000 to Advocates for Immigrants in Detention Northwest for their phone call fund.	
To Study Session September 30, 2025	
	\$ 2,500.00
A Council Contingency Fund expenditure of \$2,500 to sponsor 2nd Cycle's Bike Stories	
To Study Session September 30, 2025	
	\$ 7,500.00
A Council Contingency Fund expenditure of \$7,500 to sponsor Trick or Streets community event	
Starting Balance	\$ 321,709.00
Total Amount Allotted	\$ 220,000.00
Current Balance	\$ 101,709.00



**CITY OF TACOMA, WASHINGTON
OFFICE OF THE CITY COUNCIL
COUNCIL CONSIDERATION REQUEST**

TO: Mayor & City Council

FROM: Council Member John Hines and Policy Analyst Christina Caan

COPIES TO: Hyun Kim, Interim City Manager; Chris Bacha, City Attorney

SUBJECT: **Resolution – Council contingency fund request to sponsor “Trick or Streets” in Tacoma**

DATE: September 24, 2025

We ask for your support for a Council contingency fund expenditure of \$7,500 to sponsor “Trick or Streets” in Tacoma.

LEGISLATIVE INTENT

Council Contingency Fund Request: We ask for your support for a Council contingency fund expenditure of \$7,500 to sponsor “Trick or Streets” in Tacoma. “Trick or Streets” is hosted by Safe Streets and offers neighbors the opportunity to close residential streets to vehicle traffic to promote a safe and fun environment to celebrate Halloween and Dia de los Muertos. Community members citywide will be able to register their street for closure with Safe Streets at no cost during the weekend of October 31-November 2, 2025.

- Safe Streets is a non-profit organization that aims to unite and inspire youth, neighbors, and businesses to build safe, healthy, and thriving communities.¹ Safe Streets has experience successfully hosting National Night Out in Tacoma, which similarly enables neighbors to host block parties and community events focused on fostering positive community celebrations and partnerships.²
- Without implementing “Trick or Streets,” community members would need to fulfill the City’s standard permitting process for special events to close their block to vehicle traffic, which entails costs and other permit requirements.³

Halloween is one of the most dangerous nights of the year for pedestrians. Children ages 4 to 8 years old are especially vulnerable and more likely to be hit and killed by a car on Halloween compared to any other night of the year.⁴ Last year, five traffic collisions with injuries took place on October 31, and at least three children were hit by cars in Tacoma.⁵ By closing some streets to vehicles, “Trick or Streets” aims to enhance pedestrian safety in alignment with Tacoma’s Vision Zero commitment. Vision Zero aims to eliminate traffic fatalities and serious injuries in the City of Tacoma by 2035.⁶

¹ [Safe Streets | Take Action Now for Safer Streets](#)

² [National Night Out | Join the Movement — Promote Safety — Safe Streets](#)

³ [Special Event Permit — Tacoma Permits](#)

⁴ [Pedestrian Fatalities Associated With Halloween in the United States | Pediatrics | JAMA Pediatrics | JAMA Network](#)

⁵ [Tacoma Police Crime Dashboard | Tableau Public](#)

⁶ [Vision Zero | City of Tacoma](#)

“Trick or Streets” will also be a family-friendly event that brings together neighbors, helping to advance the City’s livability and community building goals outlined in the Tacoma 2025 Framework.⁷

- The City of Tacoma’s sponsorship would be acknowledged through the use of the City logo on citywide advertising and promotion materials. The City of Tacoma’s sponsorship will also enable “Trick or Streets” to be offered free of charge and citywide, as long as the event is open to the public.

FUNDING REQUESTED: \$7,500

DESIRED RESOLUTION DATE: October 7, 2025

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Community members concerned by the dangers posed to pedestrians on Halloween met with City Council Members to propose adopting “Trick or Streets,” which has been successfully implemented in other cities, including Seattle.⁸ The City of Tacoma community survey has also found residents consistently rank walkability, community safety, and pedestrian friendly streets as top priorities.⁹

2025 STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

Equity and Accessibility: “Trick or Streets” is designed to foster accessibility and inclusivity in our city by enhancing community celebrations and pedestrian safety. By offering free access to street closures, this event also enables community members citywide to participate. In addition, by offering street closures for the full weekend of October 31-November 2, “Trick or Streets” allows for celebrations for both Halloween and Dia de los Muertos. This helps to advance the City’s goal of being a welcoming city where all community members feel safe. Safe Streets will also work to portray an inclusive and friendly tone in all communications and advertising.

Civic Engagement: *Equity Index Score:* Moderate Opportunity

Increase the percentage of residents who believe they are able to have a positive impact on the community and express trust in the public institutions in Tacoma.

Livability: *Equity Index Score:* Moderate Opportunity

Increase positive public perception of safety and overall quality of life.

ALTERNATIVES

Alternative	Positive Impacts	Negative Impacts
Do not fund the sponsorship	Council would preserve contingency funds for other priorities.	The event organizers would need to reduce the scope and scale of the event, making it less accessible to the community and providing less community benefit.

⁷ [City of Tacoma 2025](#)

⁸ [Block Parties and Play Streets - Transportation | seattle.gov](#)

⁹ [Tacoma Community Survey 2024.pdf](#)

EVALUATIONS AND FOLLOW UP

The City of Tacoma will receive the sponsorship benefits outlined above and provide information on how to apply for the Special Events Funding Program Application in future years.

SPONSOR RECOMMENDATION


Sponsors recommend providing \$7,500 in Council contingency funds to sponsor "Trick or Streets" in Tacoma.

FISCAL IMPACT

\$7,500 from Council contingency funds.

If you have a question related to the Council contingency fund request, please contact Christina Caan, Policy Analyst, at (253) 219-0679 (phone) or ccaan@tacoma.gov.

SUBMITTED FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION BY:


Council Member John Hines

SUPPORTING COUNCIL MEMBERS SIGNATURES

1.  POS# 8

2.  POS# 2

Mayor's Initials: Victoria R. Woodards

Contingency Commitments

	Funding Amount
2025	\$ 321,709.00
Resolution 41610	
Council Requested - Golden Gloves Sponsorship	\$ 10,000.00
Council Contingency fund expenditure of \$10,000 to support the 76 th Annual Golden Gloves Boxing Tournament in Tacoma.	
Substitute Ordinance 29002	
Grand Cinema Capital Campaign	\$ 50,000.00
Dedicate \$50,000 of the 2025-2026 Budget for Council Contingency to the Grand Cinema Capital Campaign for improvements to the Merlino Building.	
Substitute Ordinance 29002	
Rebuilding Hope Capital Campaign	\$ 25,000.00
Dedicate \$25,000 of the 2025-2026 Budget for Council Contingency for the Rebuilding Hope Capital Campaign.	
Resolution 41681	
Tacoma Porchfest	\$ 10,000.00
Council Contingency fund expenditure of \$10,000 to sponsor Tacoma Porchfest.	
Resolution 41968	
South Tacoma Green Blocks Program	\$ 15,000.00
Council Contingency Fund expenditure of \$15,000 to Supplement the \$30,000 South Tacoma Neighborhood Planning Booster funding to conduct a full green blocks-scale program in the South Tacoma Neighborhood.	
Resolution 41724	
Historical Society 2025 Destiny Dinner Sponsorship	\$ 10,000.00
Council Contingency Fund expenditure in the amount of \$10,000 to support the Tacoma Historical Society's 2025 Destiny Dinner.	
Resolution 41723	
BIPOC Health & Wellness Fair	\$ 5,000.00
A Council Contingency Fund expenditure in the amount of \$5,000 to support the 2025 BIPOC Health & Wellness Fair.	
Resolution 41140	
Grit of Destiny Sponsorship	\$ 15,000.00
A Council Contingency Fund expenditure of \$15,000 for a "Grit of Destiny: City of Tacoma" Documentary	
Resolution 411735	\$ 50,000.00
A Council Contingency Fund expenditure of \$50,000 for staffing and facilitation of the Tacoma Labor Standards Task Force.	
Resolution 41757	\$ 20,000.00
A Council Contingency Fund expenditure of \$20,000 to Advocates for Immigrants in Detention Northwest for their phone call fund.	
To Study Session September 30, 2025	\$ 2,500.00
A Council Contingency Fund expenditure of \$2,500 to sponsor 2nd Cycle's Bike Stories	
To Study Session September 30, 2025	\$ 7,500.00
A Council Contingency Fund expenditure of \$7,500 to sponsor Trick or Streets community event	
Starting Balance	\$ 321,709.00
Total Amount Allotted	\$ 220,000.00
Current Balance	\$ 101,709.00

Date	Meeting	Subject	Department	Background
September 30, 2025	Study Session (Hybrid Council Chambers / Dial-in 12:00 p.m.)	Tacoma Municipal Court	Judge Krupa	Staff from the Tacoma Municipal Court will be providing a brief update
		Media and Communications Quarterly Strategy Update	MCO - Amy Clancy	Staff from the Media and Communications Department will provide their quarterly update
		Home in Tacoma - Early Implementation Update	Planning and Development Services - Brian Boudet, Robin Bolster-Grant & Corey Newton	Planning & Development Services staff will provide a comprehensive update to the City Council on the implementation of Home in Tacoma. This will incorporate an overview of the permitting and development activity seen since the launch in February 2025.
		Alternative Response Quarterly Update	Neighborhood and Community Services - Vicky McLaurin, TFD - Chief Sionna Stallings - Ala' ilima, TPD - Interim Chief Jackson	Quarterly update on the status of the three Alternative Response projects being led by Fire, Police, and Neighborhood and Community Services: Behavioral Health Response Team (HOPE), Community Safety Officers, Homelessness Response
	City Council Meeting (hybrid Council Chambers /dial-in 5:00 PM)			
October 7, 2025	Study Session (Hybrid Council Chambers / Dial-in 12:00 p.m.)	Historic Preservation Code Amendments	Planning and Development Services- Reuben McKinght	Staff will provide the City Council with an overview of the Planning and Landmarks Commissions’ recommendations regarding the 2025 Historic Preservation Code Amendments, ahead of a public hearing scheduled for the October 7, 2025 City Council meeting.
		Budget Presentation	Finance- Andy Cherullo, Interim City Manager Kim	
	City Council Meeting (hybrid Council Chambers /dial-in 5:00 PM)			
October 14, 2025	Study Session (Hybrid Council Chambers / Dial-in 12:00 p.m.)	State and Federal Legislative Agenda	Government Affairs - Alex MacBain & Andrea Roper	Staff will provide Council with a briefing and seek direction from Council on the proposed state and federal General Government policy positions and legislative priorities for the 2026 legislative session
	Committee of the Whole (Hybrid Council Chambers / Dial-in Immediately following Study Session)	Mayor Council Budget Modifications		Mayor and Council Members will discussed their proposed budget modifications
	City Council Meeting (hybrid Council Chambers /dial-in 5:00 PM)			
October 21, 2025	Study Session (Hybrid Council Chambers / Dial-in 12:00 p.m.)	Middle Housing Permitting Program	Planning and Development Services - Peter Huffman and Corey Newton	PDS staff will seek feedback from the City Council on a proposed pilot program for middle housing permitting. The Middle Housing Permitting Program will be a pilot program that is intended to shorten the time it takes to get a permit for new housing developments that comprise of 20 units or less
		Street Initiative I Progress Report	Public Works - Jeffrey Jenkins, Erik Sloan	Staff will provide the City Council with an update on the progress of the Streets Initiative I. It outlines key milestones achieved, highlights ongoing efforts, and identifies any challenges or adjustments made since the initiative's launch. .
	City Council Meeting (hybrid Council Chambers /dial-in 5:00 PM)	Budget First Reading		
October 28, 2025	Joint TPU / City Council Study Session (Hybrid Council Chambers / Dial-in 12:00 p.m.)	2026 Legislative Agenda	Alex MacBain, Senior Government Affairs Officer and Andrea Roper, Senior Government Affairs Officer; Logan Bahr, TPU Community and Government Relations Manager and Lauren Adler, TPU Federal Relations Manager	Staff from General Government and TPU will provide a briefing on the proposed citywide state and federal 2026 legislative agenda for the Washington State Legislature and the U.S. Congress. The presentations will include proposed state and federal General Government policy positions and legislative priorities and the proposed TPU legislative agenda.
	*Committee of the Whole ((Hybrid Council Chambers / Dial-in - Immediately Following the Study Session)	Wastewater & Stormwater System Development Charges	Environmental Services - Ramiro Chavez,	The Environmental Services Department (ES) seeks policy feedback from Committee of the Whole on proposed system development charges, one-time charges for new development to fund projects that increase our wastewater and stormwater system capacities.
		Transportation Impact Fees	Public Works - Jennifer Kammerzell	The Public Works Department (PW) seeks policy feedback from the Committee of the Whole on proposed transportation impact fees. Impact fees are one-time fees that jurisdictions can use to help pay for the cost of capital improvements needed to accommodate new growth.
	City Council Meeting (hybrid Council Chambers /dial-in 5:00 PM)	Budget Second Reading / Adoption		

Community Vitality and Safety Committee			
Committee Members (Chair) CM Rumbaugh, (Vice Chair) CM Walker, CM Sadalge, and CM Scott Alternate: CM Diaz Executive Liaison: Vicky McLaurin; Coordinator: Arsenio Roddy-Little		2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month 4:30pm Zoom and TMB 248	CBC Assignments <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Commission on Disabilities• Commission on Immigrant and Refugee Affairs• Community's Police Advisory Committee• Housing Authority• Human Rights Commission• Human Services Commission• Public Library Board• Tacoma Community Redevelopment Authority
Date	Topic	Presenter(s)	Description
September 25, 2025	Unified Regional Approach to Homelessness	Caleb Carbone, Principal Community Resource Analyst, Neighborhood and Community Services; Liza Burell, Policy and Program Development Lead, Uncommon Bridges	Report out on the status of the Pierce County Unified Regional Approach to Homelessness
	Human Rights Commission Interviews	Nicole Emery, City Clerk	Interviews to fill vacancies on the Human Rights Commission.
October 9, 2025	Study Group to Assess Effect of Tacoma's New Renter Protection Ordinance Study Results	Professor Mike Crow, Evergreen State College and Michael Mirra, Co-convener	Presentation on the results of a locally-driven study to assess the effect of Tacoma's Landlord Fairness Code Initiative
October 23, 2025	Remann Hall Informational Briefing	Kevin Williams, Juvenile Assistant Administrator - Probation, Pierce County	This informational briefing is to inform city leadership about the contracted work for the City of Tacoma and how that fits into the broader portfolio of work at Remann Hall.
	Landlord Fairness Code Initiative Policy Proposal	Council Member Sarah Rumbaugh; City Council	

Economic Development Committee			
Committee Members (Chair) DM Daniels, (Vice Chair) CM Diaz, CM Bushnell, and CM Scott Alternate: CM Rumbaugh; Executive Liaison: Tanja Carter; Coordinator: Anna Le		2nd, 4th, and 5th Tuesdays of the month 10:00am Zoom and TMB 248	CBC Assignments • City Events and Recognition Committee • Equity in Contracting Advisory Committee • Convention Center Public Facilities District • Tacoma Arts Commission • Tacoma Creates Advisory Board
Date	Topic	Presenter(s)	Description
September 30, 2025	Committees, Boards, and Commissions Update (meeting in Council Chambers)	EDC Commissions, Boards, and Committees Chairs and Staff Liaisons	An opportunity for Committees, Boards, and Commissions assigned to EDC to give short 10-15 minute informational briefings. All EDC Committee, Board, and Commission members are welcome to attend.
October 14, 2025	Community and Economic Development Strategic Plan 2026-2030 First Draft Review	Debbie Bingham, Business and Economic Development Manager, Community and Economic Development	Staff will present the first draft of the 2026-2030 Community and Economic Development Strategic Plan for Committee questions and input.
	Neighborhood Business Districts Program Update	Carol Wolfe, Division Manager, Community and Economic Development; Shari Hart, Business and Economic Development Analyst, Community & Economic Development	This presentation will provide an overview of the refreshed Neighborhood Business District Program, highlighting updated strategies to better support local businesses, enhance public spaces, and drive inclusive economic growth. Staff will also share next steps for implementation.
October 28, 2025	Tacoma Creates Annual Report	Clarissa Gines, Tacoma Creates Program Coordinator; Lisa Jaret, Tacoma Creates Program Manager; Rebecca Solverson, Arts and Cultural Vitality Division Manager, Community and Economic Development; Katie Mattran, Chair, Tacoma Creates Advisory Board	This presentation will provide updates to the Economic Development Committee regarding the 2024-25 program year for Tacoma Creates, and the positive impacts of this funding in the community. We will share highlights from our annual report, including details about the funds distributed to dozens of local non-profit cultural organizations, and examples of programming happening downtown and in neighborhoods across the City.
	Jobs 253 and the Maritime 253 Skills Center	Stephanie Glenisky, Career and Technical Education Director; Kristie Wolford, Maritime 253 Skills Center Director, Tacoma Public Schools; Deborah Trevorow, Business and Economic Development Analyst, Community and Economic Development	This presentation will provide key updates on Tacoma Public Schools' Jobs 253 Program and the expansion of workforce development initiatives, including the launch of the Maritime 253 Skills Center. Attendees will learn about our growing partnerships with industry, recent successes in student employment and credentialing, and strategic plans to strengthen career-connected learning across priority sectors. The session will also outline upcoming opportunities to deepen collaboration and expand equitable access to high-demand, high-wage career pathways.

Government Performance and Finance Committee			
Committee Members (Chair) CM Hines, (Vice Chair) CM Bushnell, DM Daniels, and CM Rumbaugh Alternate: CM Walker Executive Liaison: Andy Cherullo; Coordinator: Chantra Real		1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month 10:00am Zoom and TMB 248	CBC Assignments • Audit Advisory Board • Board of Ethics • Civil Service Board • Public Utility Board
Date	Topic	Presenter(s)	Description
October 7, 2025	Cancelled		
October 21, 2025	Insurance 101	Luis Fragoso, Risk Manager	Risk manager will provide an overview of the City's Insurance policies and other issues related to risk exposure of the City.
	Telecommunications Franchise Agreement with Fatbeam, LLC	Jeff Lueders, Media & Communications (MCO) Division Manager	Staff from MCO will present on a 10 year telecommunications franchise agreement with Fatbeam LLC to operate in the City of Tacoma's right of way.

Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee			
Committee Members (Chair) CM Walker, (Vice Chair) CM Diaz, CM Hines, and CM Sadalge Alternate: CM Bushnell Executive Liaison: Ramiro Chavez; Coordinator: Anna Le		2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month 4:30pm Zoom and TMB 248	CBC Assignments • Board of Building Appeals • Climate and Sustainability Commission • Landmarks Preservation Commission • Planning Commission • Transportation Commission • Urban Design Board
Date	Topic	Presenter(s)	Description
September 24, 2025	Cancelled	--	--
October 8, 2025	Committees, Boards, and Commissions Update (meeting in Council Chambers)	IPS Commissions, Boards, and Committees Chairs and Staff Liaisons	An opportunity for Committees, Boards, and Commissions assigned to IPS to give short 10-15 minute informational briefings. All IPS Committee, Board, and Commission members are welcome to attend.
October 22, 2025	Planning Commission Work Program	Brian Boudet, Planning Division Manager, Planning and Development Services	Staff from Planning and Development Services will present the draft Planning Commission Annual Work Program and seek input and concurrence from the Committee.
	Transformed Neighborhood Traffic Calming Program	Brennan Kidd, Assistant Division Manager; Qi Chen, Neighborhood Programs Engineer	The presentation will share information about the updated program, including its structure, goals, tools, and funding.
	Automated Traffic Enforcement Expansion Update	Carrie Wilhelme, Principal Transportation Planner; Eric Huseby, Assistant Division Manager, Public Works	Staff will provide an update on recommendations to expand the City's automated traffic enforcement program, including additional information on program financials and revenue, proposed methodology for identifying new automated enforcement camera locations, and education and outreach efforts.

Green Tacoma Day and Arbor Day

(Proclamation taking place at the October 7, 2025 Council Meeting)

The City, in collaboration with the Green Tacoma Partnership, is celebrating Green Tacoma Day and Arbor Day on **October 11, 2025, from 9:00AM – 12:00PM.**

This year 11 organizations are hosting 13 different sites throughout the City and greater Tacoma area. Environmental Services is supporting four Green Tacoma Day sites:

- The *City's Open Space Program* will be co-hosting two restoration work parties in collaboration with the Pierce Conservation District: one at **the q'wíq'wəlut Saltmarsh (1845 Port of Tacoma Rd)** and one at **Wapato Hills Park (S 62nd St. and S Wapato St.)**.
- The *Urban Forestry Program* is co-hosting Green Blocks: South End Neighborhood Tree Planting (**Meet up at Mann Elementary School, 1002 S 52nd St, Tacoma, WA 98408**) with the Tacoma Tree Foundation.
- *Tidy-Up Tacoma* is providing tools and bags for a litter pick-up at and in collaboration with the University of Washington Tacoma (**meet up at UW T Giving Garden, 1953 Fawcett Ave, Tacoma, WA 98402**).

This year, the Green Tacoma Partnership is celebrating 20 years of community stewardship, engagement, and education in Tacoma's urban green spaces! For more information, event details, and registration link, please visit greentacomaday.org.

On behalf of the various participating City Programs and the Green Tacoma Partnership, we would like to invite Council to attend any of the offered Green Tacoma Day events if they would like, especially those events located in their respective districts.

Green Tacoma Partnership:

- City of Tacoma
- Pierce Conservation District
- Parks Tacoma
- Tacoma Tree Foundation
- Pierce County Parks
- Washington State University
- University of Washington Tacoma
- Clover Park Technical College
- South End Neighborhood Council
- Tahoma Bird Alliance
- Washington Conservation Corp

