



TO: Mayor and Members of the City Council
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SUBJECT: **Amending the *Rules of Procedure of the Council of the City of Tacoma*** –
January 12, 2016
DATE: January 12, 2016

SUMMARY:

A Resolution amending the *Rules of Procedure of the Council of the City of Tacoma*: Rule 15-Standing Committees, Section A, by removing item 4, Neighborhoods and Housing, as an established standing committee; and, revising item 5, Public Safety, Human Services, and Education, by changing the name to Community Vitality and Safety.

STRATEGIC POLICY PRIORITY:

These proposed amendments to the *Rules of Procedure of the Council of the City of Tacoma* best aligns with the following City Council Policy Priority: *Encourage and promote an efficient and effective government, which is fiscally sustainable and guided by engaged residents.*

BACKGROUND:

At the January 12, 2016 Study Session, the City Council discussed proposed amendments to the *Rules of Procedure of the Council of the City of Tacoma* Rule 15-Standing Committees, Section A. There was a recommendation to remove item 4, Neighborhoods and Housing, as an established standing committee and have the topic assignments (policies, programs, concepts and initiatives) typically covered by that Committee moved to one of the other remaining standing committees. In addition, there was a recommendation to change the name of the Public Safety, Human Services and Education Committee to the Community Vitality and Safety Committee to better reflect the wide variety of topics discussed and the purpose of the Committee. The reassignment of topics and other recommended changes are noted in the attached draft Council Standing Committee Process Manual.

ISSUE: In order to provide more efficient meetings for the City Council and staff, who prepare and attend the meetings, these recommendations were discussed. Topic assignments listed in the Council Standing Committee Process Manual under the Neighborhood and Housing Committee often overlap with and can be covered more efficiently by the other standing committees. The consensus of the City Council was to move the amendment forward for City Council consideration. In addition, there was a consensus to move an amendment forward for City Council consideration changing the name of the Public Safety, Human Services and Education Committee to the Community Vitality and Safety Committee.

ALTERNATIVES:

The City Council could chose to adopt only one or none of the proposed amendments to the Rules of Procedure.

RECOMMENDATION:

The City Manager and staff recommend that the City Council adopt the amendment to the Rules of Procedure for transparency and efficiency.



FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact; however, having more efficient meetings will be a better use of City resources and staff time.