



City of Tacoma
Planning and Development Services

CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE HISTORIC PRESERVATION CODE AMENDMENTS

Tuesday, October 7, 2025, at approximately 5:15 p.m.

Subject of Hearing:

The purpose of the public hearing is the Tacoma Planning Commission's recommended amendments to the Tacoma Municipal Code relating to historic preservation.

Background:

These amendments would be effective citywide and include sections of Tacoma Municipal Code 13.01, 13.05, 13.07 and 13.12, pertaining to nominations to the Tacoma Register of Historic Places for both individual properties and local historic district overlay zones, permitting and design review for properties on the historic register, financial incentives, and demolition permit review requirements.

Proposed changes include:

- Amendments to the nomination process and criteria for local historic districts and individual City Landmarks
- Reduced design review requirements within residential historic districts
- The creation of a new Community Heritage Register
- Expansion of the Special Tax Valuation Program to include National Register listed properties
- Addition of owner consent requirements in compliance with changes to state law
- Revisions to the demolition review process to incorporate mitigation guidance

Additional Information:

For additional information on the amendment text and recommendations, visit tacoma.gov/project/historic-preservation-code-update

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