



CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING

February 6, 2018

SUBJECT

Proposed Correctional and Detention Facilities Permanent Regulations, as recommended by the Planning Commission.

SUMMARY OF THE PROPOSAL

Currently, there are interim regulations in effect concerning correctional facilities that were originally enacted by the City Council on March 7, 2017, per Ordinance No. 28417, and subsequently modified on May 9, 2017, per Ordinance No. 28429. The proposed permanent regulations are being considered by the City Council for adoption, subject to further amendments, before the interim regulations expire on March 6, 2018.

The proposed Correctional and Detention Facilities Permanent Regulations would amend the Tacoma Municipal Code, Sections 13.05.020, 13.06.100, 13.06.200, 13.06.300, 13.06.400, 13.06.640, 13.06.700, and 13.06A.050. The basics are as follows:

- Prohibit both correctional and detention facilities in PMI (Port Maritime Industrial) and M-2 (Heavy Industrial) zones;
- Allow both correctional and detention facilities in the M-1 (Light Industrial) zone;
- Allow both correctional and detention facilities in R-4 (Multi-family) and R-5 (Multi-family) zones;
- Prohibit both correctional and detention facilities in R-4L (Low Density Multi-family);
- Require a Conditional Use Permit for new correctional and detention facilities (in zones where they are allowed – i.e. M-1, R-4 and R-5) or significant modifications to existing ones;
- As part of the Conditional Use Permit process, require expanded public notice (to properties within 1,000-feet) and a pre-application community meeting; and
- Modify the current definition of “correctional facilities” and create a new and clearly distinct definition/use category for “detention facilities”.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Please visit the Planning Services Division’s website at www.cityoftacoma.org/Planning, and click on “Current Initiatives and Projects” and then “Correctional Facilities Interim Regulations.”