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SUBJECT: Ordinance – Amendments to Title 6 – Entertainment Licenses – June 25, 2019
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SUMMARY:

Staff is proposing to amend Tacoma Municipal Code (TMC), Chapters 6B.70 and 6B.80 – Entertainment & Dancing licenses that will clean up conflicting language and provide clear expectations for temporary entertainment events and updating Title 6 definitions and references of “alcohol” to “liquor.” Staff is seeking an approval of the proposed amendments.

STRATEGIC POLICY PRIORITY:

Encourage and promote an efficient and effective government, which is fiscally sustainable and guided by engaged residents.

BACKGROUND:

A comprehensive review of Title 6 was completed in October of 2018 with amendments that included clean-up of language, changes to provide consistency within the TMC and repeal of regulatory licenses no longer needed.

ISSUE:

As a result of the amendments to Title 6 in October 2018, a few areas have been identified as needing further revision to ensure consistent and clear application of requirements for temporary entertainment events.

- Removing language that conflicts with other sections of the chapter from the definition of “temporary event” in 6B.70 and 6B.80.
- Adding in a requirement to provide “description of entertainment activity” on the Written Safety Plan.
- Adding language in 6B.80.035.C clarifying that although a temporary event is exempt from the license fee, they may need to submit a Written Safety Plan.
- Creating a new section for Temporary Events in 6B.70 and 6B.80.
- Updating definitions of “alcohol” to “liquor” in the definition sections 6A.10 and 6B.10.

ALTERNATIVES:

The alternative is not amend the language, however, the amendments provide clarity and consistency in application of the license requirements.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the proposed amendments be approved.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact.