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SUBJECT: **Update on Tacoma Municipal Code 1.95, Rental Housing Code**
DATE: August 8, 2019

PRESENTATION TYPE:
Informational Briefing

SUMMARY:

The purpose of this presentation is to provide the Community Vitality and Safety Committee with an update on the Rental Housing Code, Tacoma Municipal Code Chapter 1.95 which went into effect on February 1, 2019.

Staff will provide information on implementation of the code, enforcement activity, alignment with new State Law, proposed rules, and relocation assistance.

BACKGROUND:

On November 20, 2018, the Tacoma City Council passed Ordinance No. 28559 adding chapter 1.95 to the Tacoma Municipal Code, designated as the Rental Housing Code. In July 2019, Tacoma City Council passed Ordinance No. 28596 which amended the Rental Housing Code. The Rental Housing code requires:

- 60 or 120 days’ written notice to a tenant before terminating tenancy, depending on the circumstances;
- 60 days’ notice to a tenant for a landlord to increase rent
- landlords to pay tenant relocation assistance in certain circumstances; and
- landlords to provide tenants with information relevant to the rental agreements, landlords and rental properties.

ISSUE:

Update on the implementation of Tacoma Municipal Code 1.95, Rental Housing Code.

ALTERNATIVES:

This is an information briefing only. There are no alternatives presented.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This is an information briefing only. There is no fiscal impact.

RECOMMENDATION:

This is an information briefing only. There is no recommendation.