



## RESOLUTION NO. 41393

1 A RESOLUTION setting Tuesday, April 23, 2024, upon completion of Regular  
2 Agenda Items, no earlier than 5:15 p.m., as the date for a public hearing by  
3 the City Council on the proposed creation of the Urban Design Project  
4 Review permit and associated amendments to Title 13 of the Tacoma  
5 Municipal Code.

6 WHEREAS the City recognizes the importance of a high-quality built  
7 environment, including the relationship with other City goals related to equity,  
8 mobility, safety, and sustainability, and these priorities specifically identify  
9 employing design guidance to achieve a desired urban form within the One  
10 Tacoma Comprehensive Plan, and

11 WHEREAS in 2016, the Design Review Analysis Manual was completed  
12 to identify the key components and options for the potential development of a  
13 design review program, and the City Council approved the project budget for the  
14 development of a design review program in 2017, and

15 WHEREAS consultants were hired to develop a work plan and initiate the  
16 program development, and the Planning Commission (“Commission”) chartered  
17 a Project Advisory Group (“PAG”) in 2019, and

18 WHEREAS Urban Design Studio staff have worked closely with the PAG to  
19 develop the proposed Urban Design Project Review (“UDPR”) project package, and

20 WHEREAS the PAG’s membership reflects a range of industry and  
21 community interests, including affordable housing organizations, whose members  
22 were instrumental in the project’s development, and from early 2022 through 2023,  
23 the PAG had more than 20 working meetings and technical workshops, and  
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1           WHEREAS City staff also engaged with the community through an online  
2 open house/survey, particularly to guide program priorities, garnering 314 unique  
3 responses, and more than a dozen in-person events and online presentations  
4 created opportunities for discussion with various stakeholder groups such as  
5 neighborhood councils and neighborhood planning groups, business districts,  
6 Permit Advisory Group, Sustainable Tacoma Commission, and other subject matter  
7 experts, and  
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9           WHEREAS the Commission released the proposal package for public  
10 review on July 19, 2023, and a public hearing was held on August 16, 2023, and  
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12           WHEREAS public notice was mailed to over 24,000 potentially affected  
13 property owners and occupants, with written comments provided by 20 individuals  
14 and oral testimony provided by seven additional community members, and the  
15 Commission made a recommendation of a revised proposal package to the City  
16 Council on October 18, 2023, and  
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18           WHEREAS at its meeting of February 18, 2024, the Infrastructure, Planning,  
19 and Sustainability Committee voted to recommend the proposal to the full City  
20 Council for a public hearing and consideration, and  
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22           WHEREAS the proposal comprises the following elements:

23           (1) Establish an UDPR permit process consisting of administrative and  
24 Urban Design Board (“UDB”) review paths,  
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(2) Establish an UDB of a specified size and composition, with its nominees to be solicited by the City Clerk, in consultation with the Office of Equity and Human Rights, and to be appointed by the City Council for specific terms of service,

(3) Employ an UDPR manual to provide clear and objective guidance that meets UDPR permit approval criteria,

(4) Amend the Tacoma Municipal Code ("TMC") to: a) create an UDPR permit, b) establish an UDB, and

(5) Amend certain development and design standards to Mixed-Use Center and Downtown Zoning Districts, and

WHEREAS the City desires to fix a time and date for public hearing for the purpose of considering the proposed creation of the UDPR permit and associated amendments to Title 13 of the TMC; Now, Therefore,

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TACOMA:**

Section 1. That Tuesday, April 23, 2024, upon completion of Regular Agenda Items, no earlier than 5:15 p.m., is hereby fixed as the time, and the City Council Chambers on the First Floor of the Tacoma Municipal Building, 747 Market Street, Tacoma, Washington, and may be offered in a hybrid format that includes a remote option, as the place when and where a public hearing shall be held on the proposed creation of the Urban Design Project Review permit and associated amendments to Title 13 of the Tacoma Municipal Code.



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Section 2. That the City Clerk shall give proper notice of the time and place of said hearing.

Adopted \_\_\_\_\_

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Mayor

Attest:

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City Clerk

Approved as to form:

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Deputy City Attorney