



RESOLUTION NO. 41226

1 BY REQUEST OF COUNCIL MEMBERS BUSHNELL, HINES, AND RUMBAUGH

2 A RESOLUTION relating to historic districts; directing the Planning Commission,
3 in coordination with the Landmarks Preservation Commission, to
4 determine if a moratorium on nomination and designation of Historic
Special Review and Conservation Districts is warranted.

5 WHEREAS historic preservation honors the legacy of the City and adds
6 character to neighborhoods, improving perception and overall quality of life,
7 however preserving history should be complementary to equity access to
8 housing options throughout the City, and
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10 WHEREAS Tacoma Municipal Code (“TMC”) Section 13.07.060 outlines
11 regulations for the local Tacoma Register of Historic Places and the nomination
12 and designation process for Historic Special Review and Conservation Districts
13 (“HSRCD”), and the Landmarks Preservation Commission (“LPC”) and Planning
14 Commission (“PC”) are both responsible for reviewing nominations and making
15 recommendations, and
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17 WHEREAS in 2022, both bodies reviewed an application to add a district
18 to the Tacoma Register of Historic Places; the LPC made recommendations on
19 April 25, 2022, and the PC denied the request on November 2, 2022, and
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21 WHEREAS during their respective reviews, both commissions noted
22 concerns about the existing historic district designation process, including the
23 need to address equity issues, and recommended that a review and potential
24 update to the process should be conducted in the earliest possible plan and
25 code amendment cycle, and
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WHEREAS the requested review is planned to be included in the upcoming 2024 Comprehensive Plan periodic update process, however, in the interim, the City is still able to accept applications for HSRCD, and

WHEREAS any review at this time may encounter the same concerns that the commissions have already identified, and since it takes a great deal of volunteer and staff time to review these requests, it may be beneficial to implement a moratorium until the review can be completed and the changes be put into effect, and

WHEREAS this resolution requests that the PC, in coordination with the LPC, conduct a public process to develop findings of fact and recommendations as to whether a moratorium on the nomination and designation of HSRCDs is warranted, and if so, to recommend the scope and duration; Now, Therefore,

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

That the proper officers of the City are hereby authorized to direct the Planning Commission, in coordination with the Landmarks Preservation



1 Commission, to determine if a moratorium on nomination and designation of
2 Historic Special Review and Conservation Districts is warranted.

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7 Mayor

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10 City Clerk

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12 Approved as to form: _____
13 Deputy City Attorney

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