



CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING

April 25, 2017

SUBJECT

The subject of the public hearing includes the following components:

- (1) The emergency interim zoning regulations pertaining to public and private correctional facilities, enacted by the City Council on March 7, 2017, per Ordinance No. 28417; and
- (2) The findings of fact justifying the adoption of the interim regulations, proposed revisions to the interim regulations, and the proposed work plan for the development of permanent regulations, as recommended by the Planning Commission.

SUMMARY

The interim regulations are effective for six months (through September 6, 2017) or until the City's zoning regulations for correctional facilities are permanently updated. The interim regulations amend the Tacoma Municipal Code, Sections 13.06.100, 13.06.200, 13.06.300, 13.06.400, and 13.06.700, as follows:

- Modify the use definition of "correctional facility" to clearly differentiate between public and private correctional facilities;
- Prohibit the siting of private correctional facilities in all zoning districts;
- Remove public correctional facilities as a permitted use in multi-family and light-industrial zoning districts (i.e., R-4L, R-4, R-5, and M-1); and
- Modify how public correctional facilities are permitted by requiring approval of a Conditional Use Permit in all districts in which they are allowed (currently, M-2 Heavy Industrial and PMI Port Maritime & Industrial).

LEGISLATIVE INTENT

The adoption of emergency Ordinance No. 28417 is intended to prohibit or require conditional use permits for new or expanded correctional facilities in the interim and to allow time for the City Council and the Planning Commission to conduct appropriate research, analyze potential impacts and applicable local, state and regional policies, and determine the appropriate permanent regulatory framework for public and private correctional facilities in Tacoma.

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."