



City of Tacoma  
Planning and Development Services

## CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING

February 7, 2023

### **SUBJECT OF THE PUBLIC HEARING:**

The subject of the public hearing is a potential moratorium on certain uses and development within the South Tacoma Groundwater Protection District as recommended by the City Council Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability (IPS) Committee.

**What is a moratorium?** A moratorium is a temporary pause on permits for specific uses or development actions that would otherwise be allowed, within a specific area of the City.

**What uses would be affected?** The proposed moratorium would prohibit the establishment of new underground storage tanks (UST) and new metal recycling/auto wrecking facilities.

**Where would the moratorium apply?** The moratorium would apply within the South Tacoma Groundwater Protection District as depicted in the map on the next page.

**How would the moratorium apply to existing uses?** The proposed moratorium would prohibit expansion of existing underground storage tanks or metal recycling/auto wrecking facilities while allowing businesses to conduct normal maintenance and repair activities as well as conduct reasonable site or facility improvements for the purpose of improving groundwater protection or compliance with environmental standards.

**How long would the moratorium be in effect?** The proposed moratorium would take effect for up to 1 year.

**How would the moratorium be resolved?** The City of Tacoma has initiated a review of the use and development standards associated with the South Tacoma Groundwater Protection District. The scope of the review would be amended to include consideration of the uses and issues identified through the moratorium.

### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

For additional background on the proposal, visit [www.cityoftacoma.org/moratoriumstgpd](http://www.cityoftacoma.org/moratoriumstgpd)

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