



City of Tacoma

City Council Action Memorandum

TO: Elizabeth A. Pauli, City Manager
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COPY: City Council and City Clerk
SUBJECT: Resolution – Surplus Sale – Pierce County – June 2, 2020
DATE: May 5, 2020

SUMMARY AND PURPOSE:

A resolution declaring surplus and authorizing the execution of a Quit Claim Deed to convey vacant, landlocked, property located at 115 and 117 East 64th Street, to Pierce County to clear title.

BACKGROUND:

This Department’s Recommendation is Based On: Receiving resident interest in acquiring the subject property. This surplus request is for two distressed, landlocked parcels of property located at 115 and 117 East 64th Street acquired in 1957 by various deeds. In 2018, a neighboring property owner engaged the City in discussions to purchase the property; however, title issues affecting the ownership have hindered our ability to sell the property.

The City and Pierce County have determined that clearing title by conveyance to Pierce County, for surplus and sale, is an appropriate resolution.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT/ CUSTOMER RESEARCH:

Since acquisition of the subject property is only available to the abutting properties and/or another governmental agency not dependent on legal accesses, this disposition has not solicited community engagement. After review of the condition of title it was determined that conveyance to Pierce County, to clear title, provides the best method to return the property to active functioning sites.

2025 STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:

Equity and Accessibility:

Clearing title, by conveyance to Pierce County, will allow the sale and disposition of these lands and return them to the tax rolls.

Civic Engagement: *Equity Index Score: Low Opportunity*

Increase the percentage of residents who believe they are able to have a positive impact on the community and express trust in the public institutions in Tacoma.

Explain how your legislation will affect the selected indicator(s).

In accordance with Section 9.1 of the Charter, entitled Disposition of City Property, requires the conveyance of property to be authorized by Council.



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ALTERNATIVES:

Presumably, your recommendation is not the only potential course of action; please discuss other alternatives or actions that City Council or staff could take. Please use table below.

Alternative(s)	Positive Impact(s)	Negative Impact(s)
1. Deny conveyance	N/A	Continue to own an interest in landlocked property with questionable title.

STAFF/SPONSOR RECOMMENDATION:

The Public Works Department recommend Council approve the Declaration of Surplus and execution of a Quit Claim Deed to Pierce County.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Please provide a short summary of the fiscal impacts associated with the grant, agreement, policy action, or other action.

Fund Number & Name	COST OBJECT (CC/WBS/ORDER)	Cost Element	Total Amount
1.N/A			
TOTAL			