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**COPY:** City Council and City Clerk  
**SUBJECT:** Resolution – Setting Public Hearing – January 30, 2018  
**DATE:** January 24, 2018

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**SUMMARY:**

A resolution setting Tuesday, February 6, 2018, as the date for a public hearing on the proposed Correctional and Detention Facilities Permanent Regulations, as recommended by the Planning Commission.

**STRATEGIC POLICY PRIORITY:**

- Strengthen and support a safe city with healthy residents.
- Encourage and promote an efficient and effective government, which is fiscally sustainable and guided by engaged residents.

The proposed regulations address not only the land use concerns relating to the location and expansion of correctional and detention facilities but also the safety and health of residents and visitors of those facilities. The public hearing provides an opportunity for engaging concerned citizens in the decision-making process of the City Council.

**BACKGROUND:**

The City Council adopted Ordinance No. 28417 on March 7, 2017, enacting emergency interim zoning regulations pertaining to public and private correctional facilities, effective for six months (i.e., expiring on September 6, 2017). The interim regulations amended Municipal Code Sections 13.06.100, 13.06.200, 13.06.300, 13.06.400, and 13.06.700; and were 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.

Following a public hearing conducted on April 25, 2017, the City Council adopted Ordinance No. 28429 on May, 9, 2017, retaining and modifying the interim regulations and extending the effective duration to one year (i.e., expiring on March 6, 2018).

The Planning Commission has reviewed the interim regulations as modified on May 9, 2017; developed draft permanent regulations for the City Council's consideration for adoption upon the expiration of the interim regulations; conducted a public hearing on January 3, 2018, to receive public comment on the draft regulations; and put forward its recommendation on January 17, 2018, as documented on the Commission's Findings of Fact and Recommendations Report.

**ISSUE:**

Pursuant to TMC 13.02.045, the City Council shall hold a public hearing on the proposed Correctional and Detention Facilities Permanent Regulations, as recommended by the Planning Commission, prior to their adoption.



**ALTERNATIVES:**

The public hearing could be held on a later date, such as February 13 or 20, 2018, however, conducting the public hearing on February 6, 2018, would allow the City Council more adequate time to engage public comments and consider readings of the adopting ordinance before the interim regulations expire on March 6, 2018.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

A resolution setting Tuesday, February 6, 2018, as the date for a public hearing on the proposed Correctional and Detention Facilities Permanent Regulations, as recommended by the Planning Commission.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

There is no fiscal impact.