




TO: Elizabeth Pauli, City Manager
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COPY: City Council and City Clerk
SUBJECT: Ordinance Request No. 17-1004 – An ordinance amending Tacoma Municipal Code Chapter 1.23 (Hearing Examiner) to make needed updates and corrections – October 17, 2017
DATE: September 29, 2017

SUMMARY:

An ordinance amending *Tacoma Municipal Code* Chapter 1.23 (Hearing Examiner) to make needed updates and corrections.

COUNCIL SPONSORS:

N/A

STRATEGIC POLICY PRIORITY:

The proposed action would be aligned with the following strategic policy priorities:

- Encourage and promote an efficient and effective government, which is fiscally sustainable and guided by engaged residents.

BACKGROUND:

Tacoma Municipal Code (“TMC”) Chapter 1.23 is the chapter of the TMC that governs the Hearing Examiner’s role with the City of Tacoma in conducting administrative hearings, and issuing recommendations to the Council and administrative decisions on appeals. At present, Chapter 1.23 needs to be amended to make a small number of corrections and updates in order to properly correspond with related sections of the TMC and to conform with other controlling laws.

ISSUE:

Should *Tacoma Municipal Code* Chapter 1.23 (Hearing Examiner) be amended to correct references to other sections of the TMC and to conform with changes in controlling law as proposed by the office of the Hearing Examiner?

ALTERNATIVES:

The City Council can adopt the proposed ordinance amending *Tacoma Municipal Code* Chapter 1.23 (Hearing Examiner) as proposed by the office of the Hearing Examiner to correct references to other sections of the TMC and to conform with controlling law, or the City Council could reject the proposed ordinance, but doing so would leave TMC Chapter 1.23 with incorrect internal references and out of compliance with controlling law.

RECOMMENDATION:

The office of the Hearing Examiner recommends adopting the ordinance proposed by this Council Action Memorandum and its accompanying draft ordinance in order for the TMC to be more correct and compliant than at present.

FISCAL IMPACT:

N/A