



RESOLUTION NO. 41907

1 A RESOLUTION setting Tuesday, June 2, 2026, upon completion of Regular
2 Agenda Items, no earlier than 5:15 p.m., as the date for a public hearing by
3 the City Council on the proposed amendments to Chapter 13.11 of the
4 Municipal Code, relating to Critical Areas Preservation, as recommended by
5 the Planning Commission.

6 WHEREAS the Growth Management Act (“GMA”), codified at Revised Code
7 of Washington (“RCW”) 36.70A, requires all Washington cities planning under the
8 GMA to designate and protect critical areas including wetlands, streams, fish and
9 wildlife habitat conservation areas, frequently flooded areas, geologically
10 hazardous areas, and critical aquifer recharge areas (“CARAs”) as defined at
11 RCW 36.70A.030, and

12 WHEREAS the City is a fully planning jurisdiction under the GMA, and the
13 City’s critical areas regulations are codified in Tacoma Municipal Code (“TMC”)
14 Chapter 13.11, and

15 WHEREAS under RCW 36.70A.130, the City is required to periodically
16 review and, if necessary, revise its critical areas regulations to ensure continued
17 compliance with state requirements, and

18 WHEREAS the GMA further requires that development regulations
19 protecting critical areas incorporate best available science to protect the functions
20 and values of critical areas, pursuant to RCW 36.70A.172 and Washington
21 Administrative Code (“WAC”) 365-195, and

22 WHEREAS the current Critical Areas Ordinance update was initiated as part
23 of the City’s 2025–2026 periodic review work program, and the City retained a
24 qualified consultant team to conduct a comprehensive gap analysis comparing the
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1 City's existing regulations with current GMA requirements, applicable WAC
2 provisions, and updated guidance from the Washington State Department of
3 Ecology and Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, and
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5 WHEREAS the scope of the update encompasses all five GMA critical area
6 categories: wetlands, fish and wildlife habitat conservation areas (including
7 streams), frequently flooded areas, geologically hazardous areas, and CARAs, and
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9 WHEREAS the City desires to fix a time and date for public hearing for the
10 purpose of considering the proposed amendments to Chapter 13.11 of the TMC,
11 relating to Critical Areas Preservation, as recommended by the Planning
12 Commission; Now, Therefore,

13 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TACOMA:

14 Section 1. That Tuesday, June 2, 2026, upon completion of Regular
15 Agenda Items, no earlier than 5:15 p.m., is hereby fixed as the time, and the
16 City Council Chambers on the First Floor of the Tacoma Municipal Building,
17 747 Market Street, Tacoma, Washington, and may be offered in a hybrid format
18 that includes a remote option, as the place when and where a public hearing
19 shall be held on the proposed amendments to Chapter 13.11 of the Municipal
20 Code, relating to Critical Areas Preservation, as recommended by the Planning
21 Commission.
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Section 2. That the City Clerk shall give proper notice of the time and place of said hearing.

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Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk

Approved as to form:

Chief Deputy City Attorney