



RESOLUTION NO. 40796

1 A RESOLUTION setting Tuesday, July 13, 2021, 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 Home In Tacoma Project housing policy
4 actions, including amendments to the One Tacoma Comprehensive Plan
5 and the Land Use Regulatory Code, along with recognition of a Housing
6 Action Plan to guide ongoing implementation, as recommended by the
7 Planning Commission.

8 WHEREAS housing is a fundamental human need, as well as an essential
9 building block of community, and connects people to essential opportunities like
10 jobs, education, transportation and recreation, and

11 WHEREAS multiple adopted state, regional and local policies call for
12 housing policy actions to increase housing supply, affordability, and choice,
13 including One Tacoma Comprehensive Plan policies adopted to implement the
14 Affordable Housing Action Strategy pursuant to Ordinance No. 28610, passed in
15 2019, and

16 WHEREAS the City Council established a timeline through Ordinance
17 No. 28695, passed in October 2020, directing the Planning Commission to forward
18 recommended Comprehensive Plan policy actions to meet housing needs by
19 May 2021, and

20 WHEREAS, over the past year, the Planning Commission has engaged the
21 community in a discussion about housing needs, development trends, zoning, and
22 neighborhood change, and

23 WHEREAS the Planning Commission and Human Rights Commission
24 jointly convened the Housing Equity Taskforce with the purpose of developing
25 recommendations to support equity and anti-racism goals in housing actions, and
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1 to recommend engagement methods to empower groups often under-represented
2 in policy conversations, including renters, people of color and non-English
3 speakers, and

4 WHEREAS the Home In Tacoma – Housing Action Plan meets the state’s
5 requirements for housing action plans intended to support actions to increase
6 residential building capacity, transit-supportive and affordable housing, and was
7 funded in part by a planning grant administered by the Washington State
8 Department of Commerce, and

9 WHEREAS the Planning Commission directed that its efforts be informed by
10 both broad community engagement and targeted engagement with key
11 stakeholder groups; in particular, the Commission sought to empower lower-
12 income people, people of color, and others facing economic barriers to help shape
13 the policy recommendations, and

14 WHEREAS, as part of implementation of the Affordable Housing Action
15 Strategy, the Home In Tacoma Project (“Project”) presents the City Council with
16 recommendations to modify Tacoma’s housing growth strategy, update housing
17 policies, strengthen affordability and anti-displacement tools, and take action to
18 ensure that housing growth complements Tacoma’s neighborhoods, and

19 WHEREAS the planning process began in early 2020, with a public hearing
20 that shaped the scope of work and Project approach; from September 2020 to
21 February 2021, the Commission and City staff conducted broad engagement
22 efforts to inform the development of policy proposals, including a project webpage
23 with multiple resources; regular Project e-mail updates to about 1,500 people;
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1 engagement tools in Spanish, Russian, Khmer and Vietnamese; a three-part virtual
2 housing café discussion series; an interactive online story map; and a housing
3 choice survey which received 870 responses, and

4 WHEREAS the Project team participated in about 50 meetings with City
5 commissions, the Housing Equity Taskforce, neighborhood and community groups,
6 housing development professionals, equity and social justice stakeholders, City
7 departments, and partner agencies, and

8 WHEREAS, on February 17, 2021, the Commission released preliminary
9 recommendations for public review and conducted a public hearing on April 7,
10 2021, with notification efforts including a postcard notice mailed to over 80,000
11 addresses, a project e-mail notice to about 1,500 interested parties, web and social
12 media postings, an online information session attended by about 120 people, a
13 frequently asked questions document, a press release, notification through
14 Tacoma Report, and notification to State Environmental Policy Act and planning
15 stakeholders, and
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18 WHEREAS the City issued a preliminary Mitigated Determination of
19 Environmental Nonsignificance in accordance with Washington Administrative
20 Code 197-11-350, finding that overall the Project would result in a positive
21 environmental outcome, and requiring actions as part of the next Project phase to
22 address infrastructure and service impacts resulting from housing growth, and
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24 WHEREAS, in response to a Citywide notification effort, the Commission
25 received about 900 public comments and used that input to refine the policy
26 recommendations, and



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WHEREAS, if directed by the City Council, a second Project phase will follow to implement the adopted policies through development of zoning standards, infrastructure actions, and other steps informed by broad community engagement, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to TMC 13.02, the City Council is required to conduct a public hearing before enacting any amendments to the One Tacoma Comprehensive Plan and the Land Use Regulatory Code, and

WHEREAS the public hearing will provide an opportunity for stakeholders to provide comments and for the City Council to engage with the community on Tacoma’s housing growth vision and policies, and

WHEREAS, upon completion of the public hearing, staff will review comments received, conduct follow-up analysis and research as needed, and provide appropriate suggestions to the City Council at the first and final readings of adopting ordinances; Now, Therefore,

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

Section 1. That Tuesday, July 13, 2021, upon completion of Regular Agenda Items, no earlier than 5:15 p.m., is hereby fixed as the time, and the City Council Chambers on the First Floor of the Tacoma Municipal Building, 747 Market Street, Tacoma, Washington, or alternatively, a call-in option will be provided until the end of the COVID-19 emergency, as the place when and where a public hearing shall be held on the proposed Home In Tacoma Project housing policy actions, including amendments to the One Tacoma Comprehensive Plan



1 and the Land Use Regulatory Code, along with recognition of a Housing Action
2 Plan to guide ongoing implementation, as recommended by the Planning
3 Commission.

4 Section 2. That the City Clerk shall give proper notice of the time and
5 place of said hearing.
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11 Mayor

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14 City Clerk

15 Approved as to form:
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17 Deputy City Attorney

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