



Comprehensive Plan and Minor Code Amendments

City of Tacoma | Planning and Development Services

Ordinance Nos. 29041 and 29042
June 10, 2025



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OVERVIEW



Purpose:

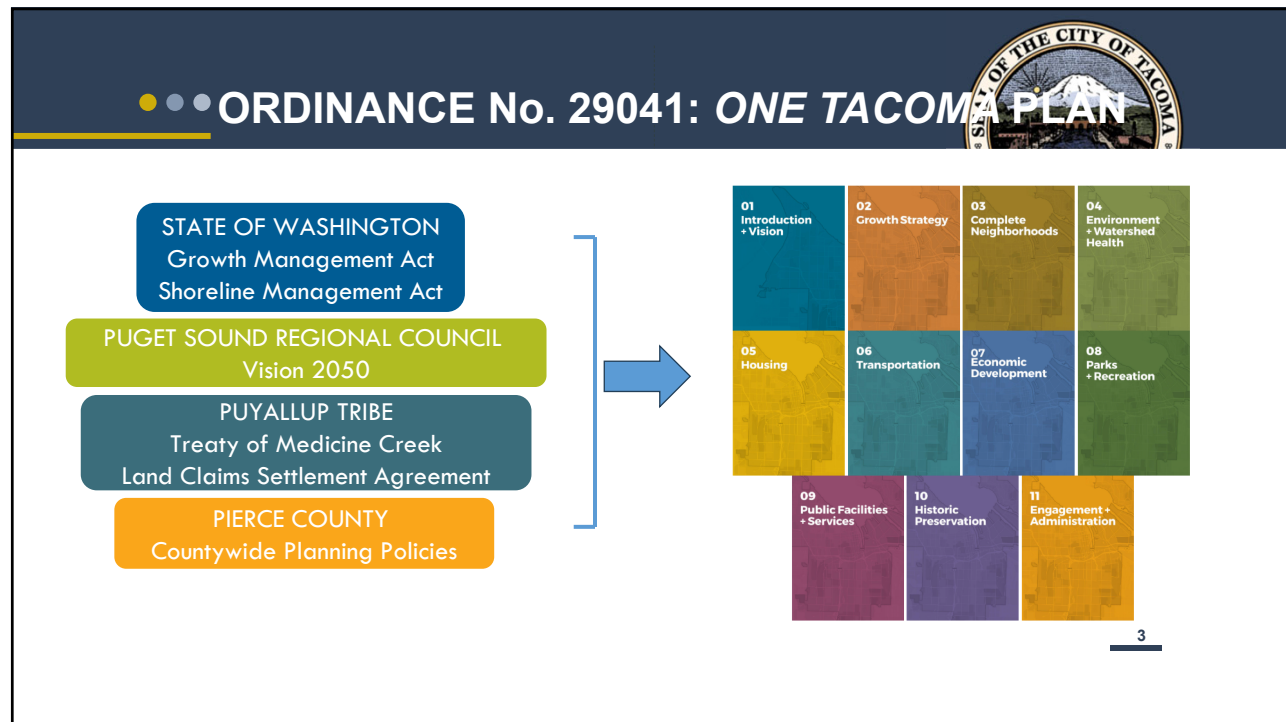
First Reading of an ordinance in support of the One Tacoma Plan periodic update, including the Transportation and Mobility Plan, and Minor Code Amendments.

Ordinances:

- **29041:** Adopting the One Tacoma Comprehensive Plan and Transportation and Mobility Plan
- **29042:** Adopting Minor Amendments to Title 13, Land Use Regulatory Code

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● ● ● COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Planning Phase	Engagement	Notifications
Community Visioning (January – July 2024)	- Eight in-person open houses - Virtual open house - Direct outreach/community events - Spotlight on South Tacoma - Language access/ambassadors - Citywide Survey - Review of recent engagement activities	- Citywide mailings (2) - Social media - Interested parties - News Releases - Notice to Puget Sound Regional Council, WA State, Joint Base Lewis-McChord, and Tribe - Adjacent jurisdictions - TV Tacoma - Local Newspaper - Neighborhood Councils - Business Districts
Policy Development (August – December 2024)	- Transit Oriented Development Task Force - Boards/Commissions/Advisory Groups - Partner agencies - Community Events	
Public Draft Review (February – March 2025)	- Three in-person open houses - One virtual event - Boards/Commissions/Advisory Groups	

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●●● CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING



City Council Public Hearing: June 3, 2025

- Approximately 260 comment letters received
- 29 individuals provided testimony at the public hearing



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●●● THEMES OF PUBLIC COMMENT



Housing:

- Support for social housing policy;
- Support for tenant protections policy;
- Support for funding and implementation action;
- Support for affordability goals.

Growth Strategy and Transportation:

- Support for the proposed Plan;
- Support for funding and implementation;
- Support for South 19th light rail alignment

Park and
Recreation:
Support for
additional focus
on Skate Parks

Bridge
Industrial
Project

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●●● ORDINANCE NO. 29042: MINOR CODE AMENDMENTS



Purpose:

Address errors in the code; minor clarifications and inconsistencies; non-substantive amendments.

Examples:

1. Standardize code enforcement procedures
2. Electric fences – applicability of decorative fence requirements
3. Expand split zoning applicability
4. Add and amend definitions (development site, Home in Tacoma-related)
5. Clarify regulations and applicability (shoreline signage, mixed-use center zoning building design)
6. Address incorrect code references (conditional uses), land use allowances (day care centers), Tacoma Mall residential uses; address inconsistencies with State law related to Home in Tacoma amendments

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●●● PUBLIC HEARING & COMMENTS



City Council Public Hearing

June 3, 2025

Public Comments

One written and one oral comment was received regarding the electrified fence amendment from the same commenter.

- **Proposed amendment** reduces situations where a **decorative** perimeter fence is required only when located along a public street, sidewalk, or trail. A non-decorative perimeter fence is required along other property lines.
- Commenter suggested removal of requirement of a five-foot landscaped planting strip between the decorative perimeter fence and designated Pedestrian Streets (13.06.090.K.6.b(4)(v))

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TENTATIVE SCHEDULE



Target Date	Meeting	Milestone
June 17, 2025	City Council	Final Reading of Ordinances
June/July, 2025	Puget Sound Regional Council	Certification Submittal

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