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**SUBJECT:** Permit Parking Only Zones

**DATE:** March 4, 2025

**PRESENTATION TYPE:**  
 Informational Briefing

**SUMMARY:**  
 Chapter 11.05 of the Tacoma Municipal Code (TMC) provides administrative authority to establish permit parking zones. While TMC has provided the authority for residential permit parking since 1998, City Council provided additional administrative authorities in 2024 allowing the establishment of other permit parking areas. This briefing is intended to inform the Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee how this parking management tool will be used and answer questions related to the new product and processes.

**BACKGROUND:**  
 On August 6, 2024, City Council ratified Ordinance No. 28974, which updated Chapter 11.05 of the TMC. In part, that ordinance amended TMC Section 11.05.250, which added administrative authority to create permit parking only zones throughout the city and establish business processes to cater to those zones’ needs.

While Council unanimously approved the amendments, in an effort to add transparency and to better understand the implementation strategy for the permit parking only tool in non-residential areas throughout the city, a motion was made to direct staff to present the framework for the permit parking only regulations to the Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee for review and feedback prior to implementation.

**ISSUE:**  
 The current policy of the City for its parking system is to maximize the use of the right-of-way while encouraging utilization of the curb space for all users. The parking management tool authorized in TMC Section 11.05.250 allows the City to proactively allocate appropriate roadway space to account for business patronage, visitors, and corresponding parking turnover. It further allows staff to create permit parking only zones to better align with the strategy of maximizing the use of the right-of-way in areas that may have an underlying need for parking and where the City has historically implemented no parking treatments.

**ALTERNATIVES:**  
 This is an information briefing only. There are no alternatives presented.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**  
 This is an information briefing only. There is no fiscal impact.

**RECOMMENDATION:**  
 This is an information briefing only. There is no recommendation.