



Firearms and Ammunition Tax

Ordinance #28624

City of Tacoma
City Council Study Session
January 14, 2019

Purpose/Agenda

- Presentation Purpose:
 - Review with City Council administrative timelines and processes required as part of adopted Ordinance.

- Agenda:
 - Ordinance overview
 - Timeline of events
 - Recommendations/options for meeting ordinance requirements

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- Adopted on November 12th, 2019
- Imposes tax on businesses making retail sales of firearms and ammunition
 - \$25 per firearm sold
 - \$0.02 per round of ammunition for .22 caliber or less
 - \$0.05 per round of ammunition for all others
 - Estimated \$30,000 in annual revenue
- Directs City Manager to make recommendations and to review impacts of tax, its revenues, and to convene workgroup

Timeline



Event	Description
November 12, 2019	Ordinance Adoption
November 25, 2019	Ordinance Effective Date
February 8, 2020	Initial Recommendations to City Council
May 25, 2020	Conduct Review and Report to City Council
July 1, 2020	Tax Implemented
November 2020	First Quarterly Receipt of Revenue
November 25, 2020 - Onward	Conduct Annual Review

 By February 8, 2020



- City Manager to make recommendations to City Council regarding:
 - Potential partnerships and programming to reduce youth and young adult gun violence
 - Local, state, and federal legislative priorities
 - Gun buyback program
- *Process Recommendation:*
 - Presentation to Government Performance & Finance Committee (GPFC) on February 4th
 - Presentation information shared with full City Council

 By May 25, 2020



- City Manager to Conduct Review and Report to City Council Regarding:
 1. Fiscal analysis, business impacts, programs and initiatives funded, and number of fire-arm involved criminal offenses
 2. Review best practices
 3. Convened workgroup outcomes



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1. Fiscal analysis, business impacts, programs and initiatives funded, and number of fire-arm involved criminal offenses

- *Process Recommendation:*

- Review report template for required annual report (today)
- Reports to begin annually on or before November 25, 2020

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2. Review best practices

- *Process Recommendation and Option(s):*

- *Option #1 - Recommended:* Hire Outside Consultant/Individual to Conduct Best Practice Review
 - *College Student: \$1,000-\$3,000;* or Professional Researcher: \$10,000
 - ✓ Pro: Independent, higher quality
 - ✓ Con: Greater cost
- *Option #2:* Conduct Research In-house
 - ✓ Pro: Less expensive
 - ✓ Con: Opportunity costs, perceptions of City bias

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3. Convened workgroup outcomes

- *Process Recommendation and Option(s):*

- Option #1 - Recommended: Hire outside facilitator to conduct 5-7 focus group discussions with various stakeholders
 - Develop report identifying areas of consensus and key areas of divergence for Council consideration
 - ✓ Pro: Greater opportunity to hear many points of view; generate ideas more openly; reduce potential debate or conflict;
 - ✓ Con: Cost \$30,000; reduce potential for debate

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3. Convened workgroup outcomes (cont.)

- *Process Recommendation and Option(s):*

- Option #2: Hire outside facilitator to conduct 6-7 meetings with various stakeholders together
 - Inform/Educate (based on best practices), Generate ideas
 - Develop report identifying areas of consensus and key areas of divergence for Council consideration
 - ✓ Pro: Greater opportunities for participants to hear other points of view;
 - ✓ Con: Cost \$30,000; potential for debate and/or conflict and difficulty finding areas of consensus; may be difficult ensuring balance in participation
- Option #3: Hire outside facilitator(s) and hold 1-2 large idea generating meeting with all stakeholders invited to participate (possible breakout groups – much like development of Tacoma 2025)
 - ✓ Pro: Cost \$5,000 - \$10,000; gather many ideas and points of view;
 - ✓ Con: Lack of in-depth discussions on specific ideas/thoughts

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Workgroup Participants - Initial Staff Thoughts

- Tuff Love Intervention - provider
- Consejo Counseling and Referral Services - provider
- Safe Streets - provider
- Tacoma Pierce County Health Department – provider and community partner
- Puyallup Tribe – community partner
- YWCA – provider
- Coleman & Associates – provider
- Tacoma Police Department
- Tacoma Public Schools
- Alliance for Gun Responsibility
- Tacoma Cease Fire Community Group
- Gun Manufacturers (1)
- Gun Retailers (7)

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Next Steps



- City Council decision on options
- Identify funding source for options requiring expenditures
 - Council Contingency
 - Redirected Funding
- City Council thoughts on workgroup participants

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