

CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING

March 5, 2024

SUBJECT OF THE PUBLIC HEARING:

The subject of the public hearing is a potential moratorium on the consideration and creation of new local historic district special review overlay zones (“local historic districts”) as recommended by the Planning Commission.

What is a moratorium? A moratorium is a temporary pause on permits for specific uses or land use actions that would otherwise be allowed within Tacoma’s city limits.

What uses would be affected? The proposed moratorium would temporarily prohibit the establishment of new local historic districts in Tacoma. It would not affect existing local historic districts, nor would it prevent the creation of new National Register Historic Districts, a process that is administered by the State of Washington. The designation of individual Tacoma City Landmarks to the Tacoma Register of Historic Places would not be affected by this proposal.

Where would the moratorium apply? The moratorium would apply citywide.

How would the moratorium apply to existing uses? The proposed moratorium would not affect existing local historic districts.

How long would the moratorium be in effect? The proposed moratorium would take effect for up to 1 year.

How would the moratorium be resolved? The City of Tacoma has initiated a review of the policies and regulations concerning the review and creation of local historic districts within the scope of the 2024 Comprehensive Plan Annual Amendment and Regulatory Code Update.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

For additional background on the proposal, visit www.cityoftacoma.org/historicmoratorium

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