



RESOLUTION NO. 38774

1 A RESOLUTION relating to community and economic development; setting
2 Tuesday, December 3, 2013, as the date for a public hearing on the South
3 Downtown Subarea Plan and minor amendments to Chapters 13.06,
4 Zoning, and 13.06A, Downtown Tacoma, of the Tacoma Municipal Code.

5 WHEREAS the South Downtown Subarea Plan ("Plan"), developed through
6 rigorous research, analysis, and extensive public outreach efforts, is an area-wide,
7 long-range plan for the South Downtown Subarea ("Subarea"), with the goal of
8 promoting economic development in that area, and

9 WHEREAS the Plan anticipates significant growth in the Subarea, based
10 upon allocations established by the Puget Sound Regional Council and Pierce
11 County, and

12 WHEREAS the Washington State Growth Management Act requires
13 regions, counties, cities, and towns to plan for allocated and forecasted growth,
14 and

15 WHEREAS the Plan is intended to provide innovative planning and policy
16 interventions to help the Subarea achieve its potential for economic development,
17 an outcome that will deliver a broad range of equitable social and environmental
18 benefits at both the local and regional levels, and

19 WHEREAS the City of Tacoma and University of Washington Tacoma, as
20 co-lead agencies, prepared a non-project Environmental Impact Statement ("EIS")
21 for the Subarea, issued on August 28, 2013, containing a cumulative
22 environmental impact and mitigation analysis for the entire Subarea rather than
23 analysis on a project-by-project basis, and
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WHEREAS the Planning Commission, after completion of its review process, including a hearing to receive public testimony on September 18, 2013, finalized the proposed Plan and recommended it to the City Council on November 6, 2013, and

WHEREAS, if adopted, the Plan will become a new element of the Comprehensive Plan and serve as a statement of the City's commitment and direction for the Subarea, as well as a resource for potential investors, property owners, other public agencies, and the community, and

WHEREAS the Plan requires minor amendments to Tacoma Municipal Code ("TMC") Chapters 13.06, Zoning, and 13.06A, Downtown Tacoma, to include feather sign regulations, downtown fencing standards, the incorporation of Transfer of Development Rights for increased floor area ratio downtown, the expansion of the Reduced Parking Area, and the rezoning of the UCX-TD (Urban Commercial Mixed Use - Tacoma Dome) District to DMU (Downtown Mixed-Use), and

WHEREAS Chapter 13.02 of the TMC requires the City Council to conduct a public hearing before amending the Comprehensive Plan; Now, Therefore,

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

Section 1. That a public hearing on the proposed South Downtown Subarea Plan shall be held before the City Council in the Council Chambers on the first floor of the Tacoma Municipal Building, 747 Market Street, Tacoma,



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Washington, on Tuesday, December 3, 2013, at approximately 5:30 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the same may be heard.

Section 2. That the Clerk of the City of Tacoma shall give proper notice of the time and place of said hearing.

Adopted _____

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk

Approved as to form:

Deputy City Attorney