

RESOLUTION NO. 39095

A RESOLUTION relating to land use regulations associated with Initiative 502; setting Tuesday, February 3, 2015, as the date for a public hearing on the proposed adoption of permanent land use regulations concerning the production, processing, and retail sale of recreational marijuana.

WHEREAS Initiative 502 ("I-502"), approved by Washington voters in November 2012, provides a framework for licensing and regulating the production, processing, and retail sale of recreational marijuana, and

WHEREAS the Washington State Liquor Control Board ("WSLCB") was tasked with establishing rules and procedures to implement I-502 and determine a "maximum number of retail outlets that may be licensed in each county," which rules became effective on November 16, 2013, and

WHEREAS, on November 5, 2013, the City Council enacted interim land use regulations, effective November 17, 2013, through November 16, 2014, concerning the production, processing, and retail sale of recreational marijuana, and

WHEREAS the interim regulations were intended to provide policy and regulatory guidance to facilitate the review, in a proactive and timely manner, of marijuana license applications that were expected to come forward in December 2013; provide adequate time for the City to evaluate the operations and impacts of licensed marijuana businesses, and allow the state to rectify outstanding issues with the existing, largely unregulated medical marijuana system, before deliberating a permanent local regulatory resolution, and

WHEREAS the WSLCB began issuing marijuana production and processing licenses in March 2014 and marijuana retailing licenses in July 2014, and





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WHEREAS the Washington State Legislature deliberated potential changes to address the medical marijuana industry in 2014, but did not adopt any changes, and

WHEREAS, on September 30, 2014, the City Council extended the interim regulations through May 16, 2015, to allow the Planning Commission adequate time to develop recommendations for permanent recreational marijuana regulations to address community concerns, and

WHEREAS the Planning Commission has completed its task of developing permanent recreational marijuana regulations, which would retain and make modifications to the current interim regulations contained in Tacoma Municipal Code ("TMC") 13.06.565, Marijuana Businesses, as well as modify regulations pertaining to Mixed-Use Center and Industrial Districts regulations contained in TMC 13.06.300 and 13.06.400, and

WHEREAS the Planning Commission developed the proposed Code amendments through a public process, including a public hearing held on December 3, 2014, and forwarded its recommendations to the City Council on January 7, 2015, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to TMC 13.02, the City Council is required to conduct a public hearing before enacting any amendments to the Land Use Regulatory Code; Now, Therefore,

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

Section 1. That a public hearing on the proposed adoption of permanent land use regulations concerning the production, processing, and retail sale of



recreational marijuana shall be held before the City Council in the Council Chambers on the first floor of the Tacoma Municipal Building, 747 Market Street, Tacoma, Washington, on Tuesday, February 3, 2015, 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.

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