



RESOLUTION NO. 41311

1 BY REQUEST OF COUNCIL MEMBERS BUSHNELL, DANIELS, AND USHKA

2 A RESOLUTION relating to zoning; directing the Planning Commission to
3 identify appropriate zoning and development standards for siting
4 Enhanced Service Facilities.

5 WHEREAS Revised Code of Washington (“RCW”) 70.97.010 defines an
6 Enhanced Services Facility (“ESF”) as a facility that provides support and services
7 to persons for whom acute in-patient treatment is not medically necessary, and

8 WHEREAS RCW 70.97.030 provides admission criteria for persons utilizing
9 ESFs, which includes persons having a behavioral health disorder, an organic or
10 traumatic brain injury, or a cognitive impairment that results in symptoms or
11 behaviors requiring supervision and support services, and a history of or likelihood
12 of unsuccessful placements in other licensed long-term care facilities or a history of
13 rejected applications for admission to other licensed facilities based on the person’s
14 behaviors, and
15 behaviors, and

16 WHEREAS additionally, patients must be currently residing in a state mental
17 hospital or psychiatric unit of a hospital with the hospital having found that the
18 patient is ready for discharge, and

19 WHEREAS Tacoma Municipal Code (“TMC”) Title 13 – Land Use
20 Regulatory Code, does not provide a specific description of an ESF use type and
21 does not clearly indicate where and how such facilities should be allowed, and
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WHEREAS this resolution directs the Planning Commission to identify appropriate zoning and development standards for ESFs to address the needs of the individuals living in these facilities, and

WHEREAS specific considerations include: (1) that residents of ESFs have access to opportunity, specifically by ensuring these facilities are not concentrated in low opportunity areas, and (2) these facilities are near amenities that offer a positive quality of life for residents, and

WHEREAS the state legislature updated laws regarding ESFs in 2019, and at that time, Pierce County adopted an emergency moratorium for ESFs to provide time to review and propose zoning and development standards, and this resolution provides direction for a similar review to happen in the City; Now, Therefore,

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

That the Planning Commission is hereby directed to identify appropriate zoning and development standards for siting Enhanced Services Facilities.

Adopted _____

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk

Approved as to form:

Deputy City Attorney