



RESOLUTION NO. 41758

1 A RESOLUTION setting Tuesday, October 7, 2025, upon completion of Regular
2 Agenda Items, no earlier than 5:15 p.m., as the date for a public hearing by
3 the City Council on proposed amendments to Title 13 of the Municipal Code,
4 relating to the Historic Preservation Program.

5 WHEREAS this recommendation from the Planning Commission and
6 Landmarks Preservation Commission of the Planning and Development Services
7 Department is based on amending chapters of Title 13 of the Tacoma Municipal
8 Code ("TMC"), relating to the Historic Preservation Program and its activities, and

9 WHEREAS the proposed amendments are as follows: 1) TMC 13.05,
10 Land Use Permits and Procedures, including Area Wide Rezones, specifically
11 regarding the Planning Commission review process and requirements for
12 establishing Historic Overlay Zones (commonly known as Local Historic
13 Districts), and Historic Preservation Land Use Decisions (known more commonly
14 as Certificates of Approval), specifically regarding clarity and requirements for
15 design review of historic properties in Tacoma; 2) TMC 13.07, Landmarks and
16 Historic Districts, which outlines the Landmarks Preservation Commission's
17 nomination process for individual City Landmarks and local Historic Overlay
18 Zones, as well as the descriptions of the districts themselves; and 3)
19 TMC 13.12.570, Cultural Resources, which includes demolition review and
20 cultural resources review for planning subareas, and

21 WHEREAS the proposed code revisions are intended to support the
22 revised goals, policies, and objectives of the Historic Preservation chapter that
23 were included in the recently updated One Tacoma Comprehensive Plan, while
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also responding to specific priorities identified by stakeholders, including citizen commissions and staff, and

WHEREAS top priorities in undertaking the revisions include the following:

1) updating the Historic District nomination processes, which is currently under a moratorium pending updates to the code to reflect issues identified during recent historic district reviews, including accessibility, equity and process improvements; 2) revising the demolition review process, including incorporating a recent Director's rule requiring consideration of public benefit, feasibility and the potential for mitigation when reviewing demolition permits; and 3) incorporating changes based on recent Washington State legislation, and

WHEREAS the Planning Commission conducted a public hearing on the proposed amendments on August 6, 2025, and considered comments received in its recommendation to the City Council, 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 Tuesday, October 7, 2025, upon completion of Regular Agenda Items, no earlier than 5:15 p.m., is hereby fixed as the time, and the City Council Chambers on the First Floor of the Tacoma Municipal Building, 747 Market Street, Tacoma, Washington, and may be offered in a hybrid format that includes a remote option, as the place when and where a public hearing



shall be held on proposed amendments to Title 13 of the Tacoma Municipal
Code (TMC), relating to Historic Preservation.

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

Adopted _____

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk

Approved as to form:

Chief Deputy City Attorney