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COPY: City Council and City Clerk
SUBJECT: Request for resolution– July 7, 2015
DATE: June 16, 2015

SUMMARY:

Authorizing the appropriate City officials to execute an 12 Year Multifamily Housing Property Tax Exemption Agreement with IRA Funding, LLC for the development of 17 multifamily market-rate and affordable rental units at 7624 Pacific Avenue in the 72nd & Pacific Mixed Use Center.

STRATEGIC POLICY PRIORITY:

This project will ensure all Tacoma residents are valued and have access to resources to meet their needs and assure outstanding stewardship of the natural and built environment fostered by providing 17 market rate and affordable housing units within a designated mixed use center.

BACKGROUND:

IRA Funding, LLC is proposing to develop 17 new market rate and affordable rental units in the Tacoma Mall mixed use Center as described in Exhibit “A” to the Resolution. The Community and Economic Development Department has determined that the proposed project qualifies for the 12 year multi-family housing property tax exemption. IRA Funding, LLC will enter into an agreement prepared by the City to develop the site as described in the plans on file with the City.

ISSUE:

This action would approve the tax exemption through the attached proposed agreement.

ALTERNATIVES:

If the resolution is not adopted, the tax exemption will not be granted and the developer has stated that the exemption is necessary to make the project feasible.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff has reviewed the application and has determined that the proposed project qualifies for the 12 Year Multifamily Housing Property Tax Exemption. Staff recommends the Council approve the resolution.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The value of the land would continue to be taxed. The City’s portion of the current tax for land is approximately \$130. The City’s portion of the tax to be exempted for the proposed structure is estimated at \$3,000 annually. The project will generate higher revenues for the City at the end of the twelve year agreement.