



ORDINANCE NO. 28246

1 AN ORDINANCE relating to the City’s Comprehensive Plan; amending the
2 Comprehensive Plan by adding a new element to be known as the North
Downtown Subarea Plan.

3 WHEREAS City staff is proposing a new element of the Comprehensive
4 Plan, to be known as the North Downtown Subarea Plan (“Plan”), and

5 WHEREAS the Plan is an area-wide, long-range plan for North Downtown
6 Tacoma (“Subarea”), with an overarching goal of promoting economic
7 development in the Subarea, and

8 WHEREAS the Washington State Growth Management Act requires
9 regions, counties, cities, and towns to plan for forecasted growth, and,
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11 WHEREAS, based upon allocations established by the Puget Sound
12 Regional Council and Pierce County, significant growth is projected for the
13 Subarea, and

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

18 WHEREAS, associated with the Plan, the City and Bates Technical
19 College, as co-lead agencies, prepared a non-project Environmental Impact
20 Statement (“EIS”) for the Subarea, which was issued on July 2, 2014, and
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WHEREAS the EIS involves a cumulative environmental impact and mitigation analysis for the entire Subarea, rather than piecemeal analysis on a project-by-project basis, and

WHEREAS approval of the Plan would serve as a statement of the City's commitment and direction for the Subarea and as a resource for potential investors, property owners, the community, and other public agencies, and

WHEREAS the City desires to amend Tacoma Municipal Code ("TMC") Chapter 13.06A, Downtown Tacoma, to reflect these changes, and

WHEREAS the Planning Commission, after completing its review process, including a hearing to receive public testimony held on July 16, 2014, forwarded its findings and recommendations to the City Council on August 20, 2014, and

WHEREAS a hearing was held before the City Council on September 9, 2014, to receive public testimony on the Plan; Now, Therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF TACOMA:

Section 1. That the City Council hereby adopts the Findings and Recommendations of the Planning Commission, dated August 20, 2014.

Section 2. That the City's Comprehensive Plan is hereby amended by adding a new element to be known as the North Downtown Subarea Plan, said



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plan to be substantially in the form of the document on file in the office of the
City Clerk.

Passed _____

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk

Approved as to form:

Deputy City Attorney