

City of Tacoma

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PRESENTER: Ted Richardson, Strategic Initiatives Coordinator **SUBJECT:** Rental Housing Code Additional Research Work Plan

DATE: December 14, 2023

PRESENTATION TYPE:

Request for Action

SUMMARY:

City Council received a document summarizing questions and topics related to the Rental Housing Code (RHC), including policy pathway options and timelines for advancing and timelines for advancing additional tenant protections through specified avenues on September 15, 2023. Council has the opportunity to review the 14 potential policy areas identified and prioritize them for further action.

BACKGROUND:

The City Council adopted changes to the RHC in Ordinance 28894 on July 11, 2023, following significant outreach with the RHC Stakeholder Advisory Group and the Community Vitality and Safety Committee over the last few years. During consideration of the final proposal, Council identified policy areas they would like to explore further and requested additional research to support that policy review. The Council subsequently passed Resolution 41239 on July 18, 2023, directing the City Manager, within 60 days, to develop a work plan for questions and topics related to the RHC, including policy pathway options and timelines for advancing additional tenant protections through specified avenues. A document summarizing that work for the City Council was shared on September 15, 2023.

ISSUE:

Following the delivery of the work plan document to the City Council, the Community Vitality and Safety Committee was tasked with review and prioritization of the potential policy areas.

ALTERNATIVES:

Community Vitality and Safety Committee members may prioritize any combination of potential policy areas

FISCAL IMPACT:

Fiscal impact will vary depending on the policy areas of interest identified as priorities for further study.

RECOMMENDATION:

Based on complexity and capacity to implement, staff recommends selecting between two and four policy areas of interest to prioritize for further study.