



ORDINANCE NO. 28641

1 AN ORDINANCE relating to traffic; amending Chapters 11.05 and 11.55 of the
2 Municipal Code, relating to the Model Traffic Ordinance and Heavy Haul
Industrial Corridor, to revise City regulations applicable to street traffic.

3 WHEREAS the Public Works Department desires to amend sections of
4 Tacoma Municipal Code (“TMC”) Chapter 11.05, Model Traffic Ordinance, and
5 Chapter 11.55, Heavy Haul Industrial Corridor, to allow the City to regulate and
6 enforce vehicle laws in alignment with the adopted Transportation Master Plan, as
7 well as provide a means to improve and address traffic conditions, and
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9 WHEREAS the Puyallup Tribe of Indians is constructing a new casino and
10 hotel in the vicinity of East 28th Street to the north, East 32nd Street to the south,
11 Portland Avenue to the west, and SR167/the Puyallup Tribe cemetery to the east,
12 and a Traffic Impact Analysis, dated February 12, 2019, includes a traffic
13 operational analysis of key access intersections and identification of transportation
14 mitigation measures to offset traffic impacts, including the operation of a portion of
15 East “R” Street as a one-way (southbound) roadway, and
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18 WHEREAS, as described in the July 2012 “Turnback and Maintenance
19 Agreement” between the Washington State Department of Transportation and the
20 City, the City was to accept roadway facilities and right-of-way for maintenance
21 and operation purposes for areas identified along the SR-509 corridor, including
22 North and South Frontage Roads, from Milwaukee Way to approximately 2,000
23 feet east of Port of Tacoma Road, and
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25 WHEREAS the proposed amendments to TMC 11.05 would formally list
26 “SR-509 North Frontage Road” and “SR-509 South Frontage Road,” rather than



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“East-West Road,” as minor arterial roadways; designate the roadways to have a 40 miles-per hour limit and 50 miles-per hour limit, and define both roadways as Heavy Haul Corridors, and

WHEREAS Taylor Way is an important arterial serving the Port of Tacoma Manufacturing Industrial Center, carrying between 4-10 million tons of freight every year, and

WHEREAS the design for reconstruction of Taylor Way includes designation of a 35 miles per hour limit, rather than its current 40 miles per hour limit, for the safe and efficient movement of people and goods, and

WHEREAS the proposed amendments to TMC 11.05 affect the following sections: 11.05.150 One-way streets designated; 11.05.490 Arterial streets designated; 11.05.530 Thirty-five miles per hour limit – Streets designated; 11.05.540 Forty miles per hour limit – Streets designated; and the addition thereto of a new Section 11.05.543 – Fifty miles per hour limit – Streets designated, and

WHEREAS the proposed amendments are a result of internal staff, community residents, and stakeholder group requests, and

WHEREAS staff presented two of the proposed amendments to the Transportation Commission on June 19, 2019, and to the Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee on July 17, 2019, and

WHEREAS the third proposed amendment, relating to the permanent change in speed limit on Taylor Way, is being advanced so the change can be implemented during construction, and



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WHEREAS the proposed amendments are consistent with the City's

Transportation Master Plan; Now, Therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF TACOMA:

Section 1. That Chapter 11.05 of the Tacoma Municipal Code ("TMC"), is hereby amended as set forth in the attached Exhibit "A."

Section 2. That Section 11.55.020 of the TMC is hereby amended as set forth in the attached Exhibit "B."

Section 3. That the City Clerk, in consultation with the City Attorney, is authorized to make necessary corrections to this ordinance, including, but not limited to, the correction of scrivener's/clerical errors, references, ordinance numbering, section/subsection numbers, and any references thereto.

Passed _____

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk

Approved as to form:

Deputy City Attorney



EXHIBIT "A"

CHAPTER 11.05
MODEL TRAFFIC ORDINANCE

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Sections:

- 11.05.510 Twenty miles per hour limit – Streets designated.
11.05.520 Thirty miles per hour limit – Streets designated.
11.05.530 Thirty-five miles per hour limit – Streets designated.
11.05.540 Forty miles per hour limit – Streets designated.
11.05.543 Fifty miles per hour limit – Streets designated.

11.05.150 One-way streets designated.

Portions of the following streets, hereinafter more particularly set forth, are hereby designated and declared to be one-way streets, and it shall be unlawful for any person to drive, operate, or otherwise move any vehicle thereover except in the direction indicated herein, when signs indicating the direction of traffic are erected and maintained at every intersection when movement in the opposite direction is prohibited:

East 8th Street from Bay Street to East L Street, eastbound only.

East R Street from East 29th Street to East 30th Street.

South A Street from South 8th Street to South 15th Street, northbound only.

11.05.490 Arterial streets designated.

Those portions of the following streets are hereby designated as and are declared to be arterial or through protected highways, and are further classified as principal arterial highways, minor arterials, collector arterials, or nonclassified arterials, as hereinafter defined: Principal arterials are protected streets that have a high percentage of long-distance vehicle trips; minor arterials are protected streets that have a near balanced percentage of long-distance vehicle trips, with local access usage; collector arterials are protected streets that have a low percentage of long-distance vehicle trips, and nonclassified arterials are protected streets that are not classified in any of the above categories.

Fishing Wars Memorial Crossing (principal)... from Puyallup Avenue to East City Limits
East West Road (minor) proposed north frontage road along future SR-509 (minor) from Milwaukee Way to East City Limits and through vicinity west of Taylor Way

SR-7 that route lying between its connection with Federal Aid

SR-509 North Frontage Road (minor) Milwaukee Way to 2,040 feet east of Port of Tacoma Road

SR-509 South Frontage Road (minor) Milwaukee Way to 1,920 feet east of Port of Tacoma Road



11.05.530 Thirty-five miles per hour limit – Streets designated.

The maximum rate of speed on the following streets and portions of streets shall be designated 35 miles per hour:

Tacoma Mall Boulevard from South 56th Street to South 74th Street.

Taylor Way from Lincoln Avenue to South City Limits.

Thorne Road from East 11th Street to Lincoln Avenue.

11.05.540 Forty miles per hour limit – Streets designated.

The maximum rate of speed on the following streets and portions of streets shall be designated 40 miles per hour:

Alexander Avenue from Lincoln Avenue to South City Limits.

~~East West Road (SR-509 Frontage Roads) between Milwaukee Way and Taylor Way.~~

Marine View Drive between East 11th Street and Taylor Way.

Milwaukee Way from Lincoln Avenue to Fishing Wars Memorial Crossing.

Norpoint Way between Marine View Drive and Northeast 29th Street.

Schuster Parkway from North 30th Street to Pacific Avenue (approximately 500 feet north of South 7th Street).

SR-509 North Frontage Road from Milwaukee Way to 2,040 feet east of Port of Tacoma Road.

SR-509 South Frontage Road from Milwaukee Way to Port of Tacoma Road.

Tacoma Mall Boulevard from South 74th Street to South 80th Street.

~~Taylor Way from Lincoln Avenue to South City Limits.~~

11.05.543 Fifty miles per hour limit – Streets designated.

The maximum rate of speed on the following streets and portions of streets shall be designated 50 miles per hour:

SR-509 South Frontage Road from Port of Tacoma Road to 1,920 feet east of Port of Tacoma Road.

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EXHIBIT “B”

**CHAPTER 11.55
HEAVY HAUL INDUSTRIAL CORRIDOR**

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11.55.020 Defined terms.

For purposes of this chapter, the below-stated terms and phrases shall have the following meaning:

A. Container Chassis. “Container Chassis” shall mean a semitrailer of skeleton construction limited to a bottom frame, one or more axles, specially built and fitted with locking devices for the transport of cargo containers, so that when the container chassis and container are assembled, the units serve the same function as an over-the-road trailer.

B. Director. “Director” shall mean and refer to the Director of Public Works or successor department or his or her designee.

C. Heavy Haul Industrial Corridor. “Heavy Haul Industrial Corridor” shall mean and refer to such sections of public highways as are included in the following description:

Street	Extent
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Port of Tacoma Road	East 11th Street to SR-509
<u>SR-509 North Frontage Road</u>	<u>From Milwaukee Way to 2,040 feet east of Port of Tacoma Road</u>
<u>SR-509 South Frontage Road</u>	<u>From Milwaukee Way to 1,920 feet east of Port of Tacoma Road</u>
Saint Paul Avenue	East 15th Street to Portland Avenue
Taylor Way	East 11th Street to SR 509
Thorne Road	East 11th Street to Lincoln Avenue

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