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**COPY:** City Council and City Clerk  
**SUBJECT:** Resolution – Setting Public Hearing – February 27, 2018  
**DATE:** February 9, 2018

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**SUMMARY:**

A resolution setting Tuesday, March 20, 2018, as the date for a public hearing on the proposed Emergency Temporary Shelters Permanent Regulations, as recommended by the Planning Commission.

**STRATEGIC POLICY PRIORITY:**

The Emergency Temporary Shelters Interim Regulations support the following strategic policy priorities:

- Strengthen and support a safe city with healthy residents.
- Ensure all Tacoma residents are valued and have access to resources to meet their needs.

**BACKGROUND:**

On May 2, 2017, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 39716, directing the City Manager to prepare an Emergency Temporary Aid and Shelter Program and an ordinance declaring a state of emergency, in response to the current homelessness crisis.

On May 9, 2017, the City Council passed Ordinance No. 28430, declaring a State of Public Health Emergency, effective through October 9, 2017. On that same date, the City Manager presented the three-phase Emergency Aid and Sheltering Program and immediately began implementation of the program.

On June 6, 2017, the City Council passed Ordinance No. 28432, enacting interim zoning and land use controls as an emergency measure, effective through November 14, 2017, to permit the City to site temporary emergency shelters in response to the declared public emergency.

On October 3, 2017, the City Council passed Ordinance No. 28458, extending the sunset date of the declared State of Public Health Emergency from October 9, 2017, to December 31, 2017.

On October 17, 2017, the City Council passed Ordinance No. 28460, retaining and modifying the interim regulations enacted per Ordinance No. 28432. The modified regulations enabled the continued operation of the current stability site and allowed faith-based organizations and non-profits to host temporary homeless camps, as substantially outlined in the Tacoma Municipal Code (TMC), Section 13.06.635.B.4. The interim regulations are effective through April 16, 2018.

On December 12, 2017, the City Council passed Ordinance No. 28478, further extending the sunset date of the declared State of Public Health Emergency to December 31, 2018.

The Planning Commission has reviewed the interim regulations as set forth in Ordinance No. 28460, within the context of the three-phase Emergency Aid and Sheltering Program implementation; developed draft permanent regulations for the City Council’s consideration for adoption upon the expiration of the interim regulations; conducted a public hearing on February 7, 2018, to receive public comment on the



draft regulations; and put forward its recommendation on February 21, 2018, as documented in the Commission's Findings of Fact and Recommendations Report.

**ISSUE:**

Pursuant to TMC 13.02.045, the City Council shall hold a public hearing on the proposed Emergency Temporary Shelters Permanent Regulations, as recommended by the Planning Commission, prior to their adoption.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

The public hearing could be held on a later date, such as March 27 or April 3, 2018, however, conducting the public hearing on March 20, 2018, would allow the City Council more adequate time to engage public comments and consider readings of the adopting ordinance before the interim regulations expire on April 16, 2018.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

A resolution setting Tuesday, March 20, 2018, as the date for a public hearing on the proposed Correctional and Detention Facilities Permanent Regulations, as recommended by the Planning Commission.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

There is no fiscal impact.