

WEEKLY REPORT TO THE CITY COUNCIL

May 1, 2025

Members of the City Council City of Tacoma, Washington

Dear Mayor and Council Members:

ITEMS OF INTEREST

- 1. Public Works Director Ramiro Chavez provides the attached March 2025 Vison Zero Monthly Crash Report.
- Temporary and Emergency Shelter Performance: The City posts weekly updates and information about its Temporary and Emergency Shelter locations including current census, number of available beds, and exits to housing. Updates are reported weekly, and this information can be found at: https://cityoftacoma.org/UserFiles/Servers/Server_6/File/NCS/weeklydataupdate.pdf.
- 3. <u>Altheimer Memorial Church, Give Me A Chance, Shelter Standdown</u>: The family shelter (1121 South Altheimer Street), operated by Altheimer Memorial Church (Altheimer), is currently preparing to standdown. Altheimer staff will continue to work with the current families on their stability and housing plans during this transition and into permanent housing or other temporary solutions by June 30, 2025. Since opening in February 2020, the shelter has served 239 individuals, with 173 of the clients have confirmed being connected to permanent housing.

On April 28, 2025, there were 13 residents at the site and every household is currently working with case management. Neighborhood and Community Services is meeting with Altheimer weekly to assess operational needs and will continue to support the shelter during this transition. The City is committed to ensuring that every resident has the option to transition to the new location or has an alternative shelter location should they wish by or before June 30, 2025.

 Encampment Outreach: For the week of April 21 - 25, 2025, the City's Homeless Engagement and Alternatives Liaison (HEAL) team visited 12 locations. This resulted in 29 (11 new, and 18 repeat) individuals contacted and referred to community services; 1 individual was placed in shelter. This information can be found at: <u>HEAL Team Engagement Dashboard | Tacoma Open Data</u>. Weekly Report May 1, 2025 Page Two

- 5. City Manager's Office Constituent Relations Analyst Karyssa Mathison provides the attached **Constituent Intake Report**.
- 6. Interim Tacoma Police Chief Patti Jackson provides the attached Weekly Crime Report.
- 7. <u>Community Trauma Response Team (CTRT)</u>: Since 2023, The City has contracted with JCW & Associates LLC to provide social and emotional support during or after community members experience trauma. CTRT responds to a wide range of traumatic incidents such as homicides, motor vehicle fatalities, incidents of gun violence and violent crimes, natural disasters, and other incidents resulting in trauma and crisis. CTRT assists the community in healing and provides community volunteer who will listen to the community and allow them to express their opinions and concerns. CTRT provides support and referrals designed to offer immediate, compassionate, equitable, and practical resources for community members impacted by trauma and serious loss. CTRT responders focus on the community's emotional needs while the Tacoma Police Department (TPD) and Tacoma Fire Department (TFD) focus on the incident response.

CTRT volunteers have mobilized to provide social and emotional support to the families, neighbors, and community members who were victims of gun violence the past three weeks. CTRT has organized community gatherings, offered clothing, food, hygiene products, resources to assist with the healing process. Community members can request to reach CTRT using the contact information below:

- Website: <u>crisishelp.net</u>
- Phone: <u>253-234-5881</u>
- Email: jwatson@jcwandassociates.com
- 8. Please see the attached City of Tacoma Weekly Meeting Schedule.

STUDY SESSION / WORK SESSION

 The City Council Study Session of Tuesday, May 6, 2025, will be conducted as a hybrid meeting. This meeting can be attended in-person at the Tacoma Municipal Building, Council Chambers, located at 747 Market Street on the 1st floor or be heard by dialing (253) 215 – 8782 or through Zoom at: <u>www.zoom.us/j/89496171192</u> and entering the meeting ID 894 9617 1192; passcode 89659 when prompted. This meeting will be broadcast on TV Tacoma.

The discussion items will include: (1) **Six Year Transportation Improvement Program**; (2) **City of Tacoma Historic Preservation Annual Update**;

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> (3) Other Items of Interest – Council Consideration Request: A Resolution Directing the City Manager and Planning Commission to Advance a Phased Set of Actions Aimed at Creating a Thriving Urban Forest in Tacoma, An Ordinance to Amend Title 5 and 17 of the Municipal Code to Better Address Animal Overpopulation and Add Clarifications & A Discussion Item - Requesting Feedback to Inform the Community, Vitality and Safety Committee's Policy Review of Adopting the International Property Maintenance Code; (4) Committee Reports; (5) Agenda Review and City Manager's Weekly Report.

> On our first agenda item, staff from the Public Works Department will present the **draft annual amendment of the Six-Year Comprehensive Transportation Improvement Program** required by RCW 35.77.010 in preparation for the May 20, 2025, public hearing.

On our second agenda item, staff from Planning and Development Services and the Landmark Preservation Program will provide their **annual update on the City of Tacoma's Historic Preservation Commission**.

Under other items of interest, the following items will be discussed:

- Council Consideration Request: A Resolution Directing the City Manager and Planning Commission to Advance a Phased Set of Actions Aimed at Creating a Thriving Urban Forest in Tacoma.
 [Council Member Walker]
- **Council Consideration Request**: An Ordinance to Amend Title 5 and 17 of the Municipal Code to Better Address Animal Overpopulation and Add Clarifications. [Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee]
- **Discussion Item:** Requesting Feedback to Inform the Community Vitality and Safety Committee's Policy of Review of Adopting the International Property Maintenance Code. [Council Member Rumbaugh]

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Immediately following the City Council Study Session of Tuesday, May 6, 2025, a Committee of the Whole will be held. This will be conducted as a hybrid meeting. This meeting can be attended in-person at the Tacoma Municipal Building Council Chambers, located at 747 Market Street on the 1st floor or be heard by dialing (253) 215 – 8782 or through Zoom at: <u>www.zoom.us/j/89496171192</u> and entering the meeting ID 894 9617 1192; passcode 89659 when prompted. This meeting will be broadcast on TV Tacoma.

Staff from the Office of Management and Budget will discuss **year end and first quarter financials and reappropriation.**

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> 10. The updated **Tentative City Council Forecast and Consolidated Standing Committee Calendars** are attached for your information.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

11. You are invited to the below event:

<u>District 5 Civic Summit</u>: May 10, 2025, 12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m., Baker Middle School, 8001 South J Street, Tacoma, WA, 98408. Council Member Bushnell Invites the District 5 Community to ask, "What can we do together?" This summit is geared towards finding collaborative solutions to our shared challenges. If you have questions about this event, or would like to further discuss specific accommodations, please contact Lynda Foster at lynda.foster@cityoftacoma.org.

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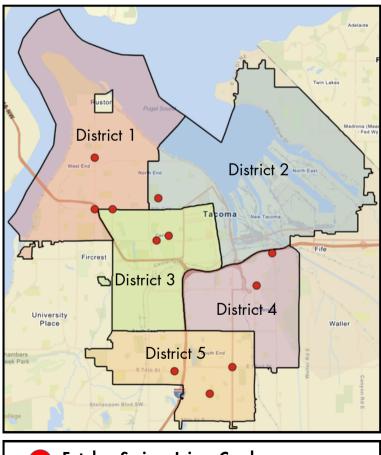
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MARCH 2025

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March 2025 Fatal and Serious Injury **Crashes by Council District**



Fatal or Serious Injury Crash

March Crash Summary

There were 323 total collisions in March:

- 10 collisions involved a pedestrian
- 3 collisions involved a bicyclist
- 11 collisions resulted in a serious injury or fatality

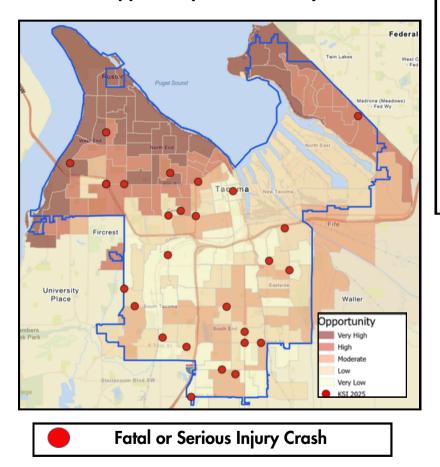
To see the Vision Zero data dashboard or to learn more about Vision Zero, visit: cityoftacoma.org/visionzero

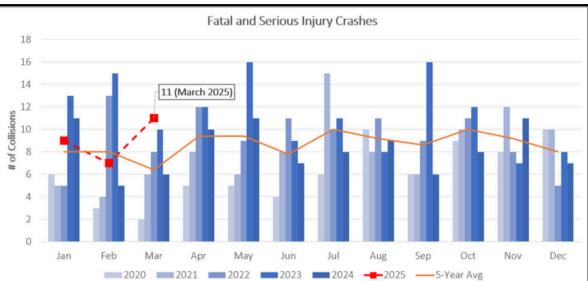
| Primary Street | Secondary Street | Victim Age Range | Injury Level | Mode |
|----------------|------------------|---------------------|----------------|------------|
| S 74th St | S Wapato St | 36 - 40 | Fatality | Bicyclist |
| E 37th St | E Spokane St | 51 - 55 | Fatality | Pedestrian |
| N Pearl St | N 31st St | 25 - 30 | Fatality | Motorist |
| S 17th St | S Oakes St | 66 - 70 | Fatality | Motorist |
| S 19th St | S Lawrence St | 61 - 65 | Serious Injury | Pedestrian |
| 6th Ave | S Orchard St | 21 - 24 | Serious Injury | Pedestrian |
| 6th Ave | Pearl St | 18 - 20 | Serious Injury | Pedestrian |
| N Alder St | N 11th St | 61 - 65 | Serious Injury | Motorist |
| Portland Ave | E 29th St | 18 - 20 | Serious Injury | Motorist |
| S 84th St | S J St | 36 - 40 | Serious Injury | Motorist |
| 3 04ln Sl | 3 3 31 | 41-45 | Serious Injury | Motorist |
| S 72nd St | Pacific Ave | 31 - 35 | Serious Injury | Motorist |



<u>City of Tacoma's Goal</u> Zero fatal and serious injury traffic crashes by 2035

2025 Year to Date Fatal and Serious Injury Crashes (Opportunity Index Overlay)





| All Crashes (Annual Totals) | | | | | | |
|-----------------------------|-------|-----|-------|-----|--|--|
| 5-Year Avg Last 12 Months | | | | | | |
| Mode Type | Total | % | Total | % | | |
| Bicyclist | 35 | 1% | 38 | 1% | | |
| Motorist | 3832 | 96% | 3553 | 95% | | |
| Pedestrian | 121 | 3% | 145 | 4% | | |

| ſ | Fatal and Serious Injury Crashes (Annual Totals) | | | | | | |
|---|--|-------|-----|-------|-----|--|--|
| | 5-Year Avg Last 12 Months | | | | | | |
| | Mode Type | Total | % | Total | % | | |
| | Bicyclist | 5 | 5% | 4 | 4% | | |
| | Motorist | 77 | 74% | 68 | 67% | | |
| | Pedestrian | 22 | 21% | 30 | 29% | | |

Above 5-Year Average Below 5-Year Average

Federal law 23 United States Code Section 407 governs use of the data in this report. Under this law, data maintained for purposes of evaluating potential highway safety enhancements "...shall not be subject to discovery or admitted into evidence in a federal or state court proceeding or considered for other purposes in any action for damages arising from any occurrence at a location mentioned or addressed in such reports, surveys, schedules, lists, or data." If you should attempt to use the information in this report in an action for damages against City, the State of Washington, or any other jurisdiction involved in the locations mentioned in the data, these entities expressly reserve the right, under Section 407, to object to the use of the data, including any opinions drawn from the data.



Tacoma City Council Constituent Intake Website Data Report: April 2025

Total Request Submissions

387

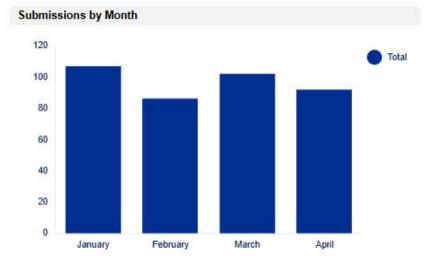
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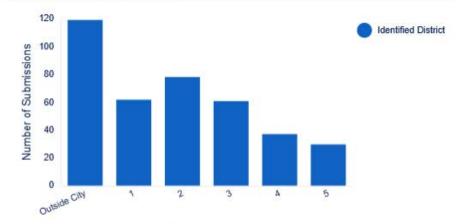
258 Inquiries that include +1 Council Member



Submission Summary



Submissions by Council District



Council Districts Contact: Karyssa Mathison, Constituent Relations Analyst kmathison@cityoftacoma.org





Citywide Weekly Briefing for 21 April 2025 to 27 April 2025

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| | 27-Apr-2024 | 27-Apr-2025 | 27-Apr-2024 | 27-Apr-2025 | 27-Apr-2024 | 27-Apr-2025 | | | |
| Persons | 74 | 72 | 295 | 324 | 1299 | 1271 | 2.7%▼ | 9.8% 🔺 | 2.2%▼ |
| Assault | 64 | 63 | 264 | 295 | 1180 | 1154 | 1.6%▼ | 11.7% 🔺 | 2.2%▼ |
| Homicide (doesn't include Negligent/Justifiable) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 6 | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% |
| Kidnapping/Abduction | 3 | 2 | 8 | 6 | 30 | 22 | 33.3%▼ | 25.0%▼ | 26.7%▼ |
| Sex Offenses, Forcible | 7 | 7 | 23 | 23 | 82 | 89 | 0.0% | 0.0% | 8.5% 🔺 |
| Property | 357 | 212 | 1396 | 1030 | 6743 | 4453 | 40.6%▼ | 26.2%▼ | 34.0%▼ |
| Arson | 2 | 0 | 4 | 6 | 32 | 24 | 100.0% 🔻 | 50.0% 🔺 | 25.0%▼ |
| Burglary/Breaking and Entering | 23 | 22 | 96 | 102 | 472 | 389 | 4.3%▼ | 6.3% 🔺 | 17.6%▼ |
| Counterfeiting/Forgery | 1 | 1 | 7 | 2 | 31 | 18 | 0.0% | 71.4%▼ | 41.9%▼ |
| Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property | 90 | 64 | 346 | 301 | 1846 | 1208 | 28.9%▼ | 13.0%▼ | 34.6%▼ |
| Fraud | 9 | 6 | 46 | 37 | 191 | 165 | 33.3%▼ | 19.6%▼ | 13.6% 🔻 |
| Larceny/Theft | 152 | 75 | 603 | 412 | 2714 | 1931 | 50.7%▼ | 31.7%▼ | 28.9%▼ |
| Motor Vehicle Theft | 66 | 29 | 245 | 127 | 1190 | 549 | 56.1%▼ | 48.2%▼ | 53.9%▼ |
| Robbery | 9 | 7 | 25 | 23 | 139 | 80 | 22.2%▼ | 8.0%▼ | 42.4%▼ |
| Stolen Property | 4 | 6 | 20 | 16 | 109 | 62 | 50.0% 🔺 | 20.0%▼ | 43.1%▼ |
| Society | 13 | 20 | 48 | 73 | 194 | 297 | 53.8% 🔺 | 52.1% 🔺 | 53.1% 🔺 |
| Drug/Narcotic | 9 | 13 | 26 | 47 | 110 | 201 | 44.4% 🛦 | 80.8% 🔺 | 82.7% 🔺 |
| Pornography/Obscene Material | 1 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 7 | 7 | 100.0% 🔻 | 100.0% 🔻 | 0.0% |
| Prostitution | 0 | 3 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 7 | NC | NC | NC |
| Weapon Law Violations | 3 | 4 | 18 | 22 | 77 | 82 | 33.3% 🛦 | 22.2% 🔺 | 6.5% 🔺 |
| Citywide Totals | 444 | 304 | 1739 | 1427 | 8236 | 6021 | 31.5% ▼ | 17.9%▼ | 26.9%▼ |

| Notes: | Top 5 Locations - Compared to last year | Top 5 Offense Locations - Compared to last year |
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| There were no Homicide offense(s) during the last 7 days. | ● 1801 S 15th St: 1 ↗ 6 | Parking Lot: 94 ≥ 66 |
| • 63.5% (40/63) of the Assaults were coded Simple Assault. | ● 4502 S Steele St: 19 凶 6 | ● Single Family Residence: 72 ≥ 61 |
| • There were 54 DV-related offenses. | ● 7250 Pacific Ave: 2 7 5 | ● Street/Right Of Way: 49 ↘ 43 |
| • 70.4% (38/54) of the DV-related offenses were Persons. | ● 4306 E Q St: 0 7 5 | ● Apartment: 45 ≥ 33 |
| • 54.0% (34/63) of the Assaults were DV-related. | ● 1101 S Sprague Ave: 0 7 4 | ● Grocery Store: 13 ≥ 10 |
| ● DV-related Offenses: 53 7 54 | ● 635 S Mildred St: 0 7 4 | |
| There were no Gang-Related offense(s) during the last 7 days. | | |
| ● Theft from Motor Vehicle: 55 ↘ 37 | | |



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| Persons | 21 | 12 | 77 | 80 | 319 | 321 | 42.9%▼ | 3.9% 🔺 | 0.6% 🔺 |
| Assault | 16 | 9 | 61 | 71 | 278 | 286 | 43.8%▼ | 16.4% 🔺 | 2.9% 🔺 |
| Homicide (doesn't include Negligent/Justifiable) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 4 | 0.0% | 0.0% | 33.3% 🔺 |
| Kidnapping/Abduction | 2 | 1 | 5 | 2 | 13 | 8 | 50.0%▼ | 60.0%▼ | 38.5%▼ |
| Sex Offenses, Forcible | 3 | 2 | 11 | 7 | 25 | 23 | 33.3%▼ | 36.4%▼ | 8.0%▼ |
| Property | 80 | 81 | 347 | 321 | 1827 | 1338 | 1.3% 🔺 | 7.5%▼ | 26.8%▼ |
| Arson | 1 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 16 | 7 | 100.0% 🔻 | 50.0%▼ | 56.3%▼ |
| Burglary/Breaking and Entering | 7 | 6 | 35 | 30 | 147 | 103 | 14.3%▼ | 14.3%▼ | 29.9%▼ |
| Counterfeiting/Forgery | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0.0% | 100.0% 🔻 | 100.0% 🔻 |
| Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property | 24 | 31 | 111 | 112 | 615 | 458 | 29.2% 🛦 | 0.9% 🔺 | 25.5%▼ |
| Fraud | 0 | 3 | 9 | 16 | 28 | 39 | NC | 77.8% 🔺 | 39.3% 🔺 |
| Larceny/Theft | 40 | 25 | 144 | 115 | 684 | 506 | 37.5%▼ | 20.1%▼ | 26.0%▼ |
| Motor Vehicle Theft | 7 | 11 | 37 | 32 | 291 | 176 | 57.1% | 13.5%▼ | 39.5%▼ |
| Robbery | 0 | 3 | 5 | 8 | 26 | 22 | NC | 60.0% 🔺 | 15.4%▼ |
| Stolen Property | 0 | 2 | 1 | 6 | 13 | 20 | NC | 500.0% 🔺 | 53.8% 🔺 |
| Society | 3 | 7 | 12 | 17 | 47 | 59 | 133.3% 🛦 | 41.7% 🔺 | 25.5% 🔺 |
| Drug/Narcotic | 2 | 1 | 5 | 6 | 29 | 33 | 50.0%▼ | 20.0% 🔺 | 13.8% 🔺 |
| Pornography/Obscene Material | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 100.0%▼ | 100.0% 🔻 | 0.0% |
| Prostitution | 0 | 3 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 3 | NC | NC | NC |
| Weapon Law Violations | 0 | 3 | 5 | 8 | 16 | 21 | NC | 60.0% 🔺 | 31.3% 🔺 |
| Sector Totals | 104 | 100 | 436 | 418 | 2193 | 1718 | 3.8%▼ | 4.1%▼ | 21.7%▼ |

| Last 7 Days | | | | | | | |
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| There were no Homicide offense(s) during the last 7 days. | ● 1801 S 15th St: 1 ↗ 6 | Parking Lot: 21 7 31 | | | | | |
| • 55.6% (5/9) of the Assaults were coded Simple Assault. | ● 1101 S Sprague Ave: 0 7 4 | • Apartment: 8 7 18 | | | | | |
| • There were 15 DV-related offenses. | ● 1320 Broadway: 2 7 3 | ● Street/Right Of Way: 15 ↗ 17 | | | | | |
| • 53.3% (8/15) of the DV-related offenses were Persons. | ● 1146 Court C: 0 7 3 | ● Single Family Residence: 9 7 13 | | | | | |
| • 55.6% (5/9) of the Assaults were DV-related. | ● 1250 Pacific Ave: 0 7 2 | ● Hotel/Motel: 5 ≥ 4 | | | | | |
| DV-related Offenses: 9 ⊅ 15 | ● 1808 S 11th St: 0 7 2 | | | | | | |
| There were no Gang-Related offense(s) during the last 7 days. | ● 813 Pacific Ave: 0 7 2 | | | | | | |
| • Theft from Motor Vehicle: 17 7 18 | • There were 15 additional locations with 2. | | | | | | |



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| | 27-Apr-2024 | 27-Apr-2025 | 27-Apr-2024 | 27-Apr-2025 | 27-Apr-2024 | 27-Apr-2025 | | | |
| Persons | 13 | 19 | 64 | 82 | 315 | 311 | 46.2% | 28.1% 🔺 | 1.3%▼ |
| Assault | 9 | 18 | 57 | 73 | 288 | 275 | 100.0% 🛦 | 28.1% 🔺 | 4.5%▼ |
| Homicide (doesn't include Negligent/Justifiable) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0.0% | 0.0% | NC |
| Kidnapping/Abduction | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 6 | 5 | 0.0% | 0.0% | 16.7%▼ |
| Sex Offenses, Forcible | 4 | 1 | 6 | 8 | 20 | 30 | 75.0%▼ | 33.3% 🔺 | 50.0% 🔺 |
| Property | 87 | 53 | 392 | 247 | 1852 | 1073 | 39.1%▼ | 37.0%▼ | 42.1%▼ |
| Arson | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 0.0% | NC | 33.3% 🔺 |
| Burglary/Breaking and Entering | 4 | 9 | 21 | 26 | 106 | 97 | 125.0% | 23.8% 🔺 | 8.5%▼ |
| Counterfeiting/Forgery | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 13 | 4 | 0.0% | 100.0% 🔻 | 69.2%▼ |
| Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property | 25 | 15 | 89 | 70 | 503 | 288 | 40.0%▼ | 21.3%▼ | 42.7%▼ |
| Fraud | 6 | 0 | 20 | 4 | 68 | 39 | 100.0%▼ | 80.0%▼ | 42.6%▼ |
| Larceny/Theft | 33 | 20 | 180 | 102 | 809 | 468 | 39.4%▼ | 43.3%▼ | 42.2%▼ |
| Motor Vehicle Theft | 16 | 9 | 75 | 39 | 303 | 144 | 43.8%▼ | 48.0%▼ | 52.5%▼ |
| Robbery | 1 | 0 | 2 | 3 | 27 | 17 | 100.0% 🔻 | 50.0% 🔺 | 37.0%▼ |
| Stolen Property | 2 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 17 | 5 | 100.0%▼ | 100.0% 🔻 | 70.6% 🔻 |
| Society | 4 | 0 | 8 | 3 | 26 | 22 | 100.0%▼ | 62.5%▼ | 15.4%▼ |
| Drug/Narcotic | 2 | 0 | 4 | 1 | 15 | 8 | 100.0% 🔻 | 75.0%▼ | 46.7%▼ |
| Pornography/Obscene Material | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0.0% | 100.0% 🔻 | 100.0% 🔺 |
| Prostitution | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% |
| Weapon Law Violations | 2 | 0 | 3 | 2 | 10 | 12 | 100.0% 🔻 | 33.3%▼ | 20.0% 🔺 |
| Sector Totals | 104 | 72 | 464 | 332 | 2193 | 1406 | 30.8%▼ | 28.4%▼ | 35.9%▼ |

| | Last 7 Days | | | | | | |
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| Notes: | Top 5 Locations - Compared to last year | Top 5 Offense Locations - Compared to last year | | | | | |
| There were no Homicide offense(s) during the last 7 days. | ● 635 S Mildred St: 0 7 4 | ● Single Family Residence: 21 ≥ 13 | | | | | |
| • 77.8% (14/18) of the Assaults were coded Simple Assault. | 400 S J St: 3 ↔ 3 | ● Parking Lot: 17 ≥ 13 | | | | | |
| • There were 11 DV-related offenses. | ● 1965 S Union Ave: 0 7 3 | ● Apartment: 13 ≥ 9 | | | | | |
| 81.8% (9/11) of the DV-related offenses were Persons. | ● 4505 S 19th St: 1 ↗ 3 | ● Street/Right Of Way: 10 ↘ 6 | | | | | |
| • 50.0% (9/18) of the Assaults were DV-related. | ● 1820 N Proctor St: 0 7 2 | ● Restaurant/Fast Food Establishment: 1 ↗ 4 | | | | | |
| • DV-related Offenses: $11 \leftrightarrow 11$ | ● 2304 S 15th St: 0 7 2 | ● Grocery Store: 1 ↗ 4 | | | | | |
| There were no Gang-Related offense(s) during the last 7 days. | ● 454 St Helens Ave: 0 7 2 | | | | | | |
| ● Theft from Motor Vehicle: 14 ≥ 10 | • There were 8 additional locations with 2. | | | | | | |



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| | 27-Apr-2024 | 27-Apr-2025 | 27-Apr-2024 | 27-Apr-2025 | 27-Apr-2024 | 27-Apr-2025 | | | |
| Persons | 16 | 16 | 74 | 70 | 319 | 280 | 0.0% | 5.4%▼ | 12.2%▼ |
| Assault | 16 | 13 | 71 | 63 | 300 | 259 | 18.8%▼ | 11.3%▼ | 13.7% 🔻 |
| Homicide (doesn't include Negligent/Justifiable) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0.0% | 0.0% | 100.0% 🔻 |
| Kidnapping/Abduction | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 5 | 4 | 0.0% | NC | 20.0% 🛡 |
| Sex Offenses, Forcible | 0 | 3 | 3 | 6 | 13 | 17 | NC | 100.0% 🔺 | 30.8% 🛦 |
| Property | 99 | 37 | 345 | 227 | 1635 | 1077 | 62.6%▼ | 34.2%▼ | 34.1%▼ |
| Arson | 1 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 7 | 5 | 100.0% 🔻 | 50.0%▼ | 28.6%▼ |
| Burglary/Breaking and Entering | 4 | 2 | 18 | 20 | 110 | 91 | 50.0%▼ | 11.1% 🔺 | 17.3%▼ |
| Counterfeiting/Forgery | 0 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 10 | 7 | NC | 66.7%▼ | 30.0%▼ |
| Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property | 26 | 9 | 83 | 60 | 386 | 244 | 65.4%▼ | 27.7%▼ | 36.8%▼ |
| Fraud | 3 | 2 | 8 | 10 | 52 | 43 | 33.3%▼ | 25.0% 🔺 | 17.3%▼ |
| Larceny/Theft | 45 | 17 | 154 | 105 | 684 | 550 | 62.2%▼ | 31.8%▼ | 19.6%▼ |
| Motor Vehicle Theft | 15 | 4 | 62 | 22 | 310 | 106 | 73.3%▼ | 64.5%▼ | 65.8%▼ |
| Robbery | 4 | 0 | 8 | 5 | 35 | 14 | 100.0% 🔻 | 37.5%▼ | 60.0%▼ |
| Stolen Property | 1 | 0 | 6 | 1 | 36 | 11 | 100.0% 🔻 | 83.3%▼ | 69.4%▼ |
| Society | 1 | 1 | 8 | 12 | 53 | 74 | 0.0% | 50.0% 🔺 | 39.6% 🔺 |
| Drug/Narcotic | 1 | 1 | 4 | 9 | 28 | 55 | 0.0% | 125.0% 🔺 | 96.4% 🔺 |
| Pornography/Obscene Material | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 3 | 0.0% | 0.0% | 50.0% 🔺 |
| Prostitution | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0.0% | 0.0% | NC |
| Weapon Law Violations | 0 | 0 | 4 | 3 | 23 | 15 | 0.0% | 25.0%▼ | 34.8%▼ |
| Sector Totals | 116 | 54 | 427 | 309 | 2007 | 1431 | 53.4%▼ | 27.6%▼ | 28.7% ▼ |

| | Last 7 Days | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| Notes: | Top 5 Locations - Compared to last year | Top 5 Offense Locations - Compared to last year | | | | | | |
| • There were no Homicide offense(s) during the last 7 days. | ● 4502 S Steele St: 19 ↘ 6 | Parking Lot: 35 ≥ 13 | | | | | | |
| • 53.8% (7/13) of the Assaults were coded Simple Assault. | ● 4802 S 73rd St: 0 7 2 | ● Single Family Residence: 7 ↗ 11 | | | | | | |
| • There were 10 DV-related offenses. | ● 7202 S Prospect St: 0 7 2 | ● Other Business: 6 ↘ 5 | | | | | | |
| • 80.0% (8/10) of the DV-related offenses were Persons. | ● 5206 South Tacoma Way: 0 ↗ 2 | • Apartment: 16 ≥ 4 | | | | | | |
| • 61.5% (8/13) of the Assaults were DV-related. | ● 3120 S Pine St: 0 ↗ 2 | ● Street/Right Of Way: 11 → 3 | | | | | | |
| DV-related Offenses: 11 ≥ 10 | ● 6500 S Sheridan Ave: 0 7 2 | Cyberspace: 0 | | | | | | |
| There were no Gang-Related offense(s) during the last 7 days. | ● 4547 S Junett St: 0 7 2 | | | | | | | |
| ● Theft from Motor Vehicle: 17 ≥ 7 | • There were 3 additional locations with 2. | | | | | | | |



Sector 4 Weekly Briefing for 21 April 2025 to 27 April 2025

The data is not National Incident Based Reporting System (NIBRS) compliant. Do not compare the results with any report using that standard. The data is dynamic and is subject to change and/or revision. The number of distinct offenses listed on a report are counted. This does not represent reports or individuals. All data is compared to last year for the same number of days or date range. Small numbers may cause large percent increases and decreases. Beginning 1 October 2022, there was a change in how TPD reports certain Aggravated Assaults and Destruction offenses.

| | 7 0 | Days | 28 | Days | Year | to Date | | | |
|--|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|----------|----------------|----------------|
| Offense Breakdown | 21-Apr-2024 | 21-Apr-2025 | 31-Mar-2024 | 31-Mar-2025 | 01-Jan-2024 | 01-Jan-2025 | 7 Days | 28 Days | YTD |
| | 27-Apr-2024 | 27-Apr-2025 | 27-Apr-2024 | 27-Apr-2025 | 27-Apr-2024 | 27-Apr-2025 | | | |
| Persons | 24 | 25 | 80 | 92 | 346 | 359 | 4.2% | 15.0% 🔺 | 3.8% 🔺 |
| Assault | 23 | 23 | 75 | 88 | 314 | 334 | 0.0% | 17.3% 🔺 | 6.4% 🔺 |
| Homicide (doesn't include Negligent/Justifiable) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0.0% | 0.0% | 50.0%▼ |
| Kidnapping/Abduction | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 6 | 5 | 0.0% | 0.0% | 16.7%▼ |
| Sex Offenses, Forcible | 0 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 24 | 19 | NC | 33.3%▼ | 20.8% 🔻 |
| Property | 91 | 41 | 312 | 235 | 1429 | 965 | 54.9%▼ | 24.7%▼ | 32.5%▼ |
| Arson | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 6 | 8 | 0.0% | NC | 33.3% 🛦 |
| Burglary/Breaking and Entering | 8 | 5 | 22 | 26 | 109 | 98 | 37.5%▼ | 18.2% 🔺 | 10.1% 🔻 |
| Counterfeiting/Forgery | 1 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 7 | 7 | 100.0% 🔻 | 50.0%▼ | 0.0% |
| Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property | 15 | 9 | 63 | 59 | 342 | 218 | 40.0%▼ | 6.3%▼ | 36.3%▼ |
| Fraud | 0 | 1 | 9 | 7 | 43 | 44 | NC | 22.2%▼ | 2.3% 🔺 |
| Larceny/Theft | 34 | 13 | 125 | 90 | 537 | 407 | 61.8%▼ | 28.0%▼ | 24.2%▼ |
| Motor Vehicle Theft | 28 | 5 | 71 | 34 | 286 | 123 | 82.1%▼ | 52.1%▼ | 57.0%▼ |
| Robbery | 4 | 4 | 10 | 7 | 51 | 27 | 0.0% | 30.0%▼ | 47.1%▼ |
| Stolen Property | 1 | 4 | 9 | 9 | 43 | 26 | 300.0% 🛦 | 0.0% | 39.5%▼ |
| Society | 5 | 12 | 20 | 41 | 68 | 142 | 140.0% | 105.0% 🔺 | 108.8% 🛦 |
| Drug/Narcotic | 4 | 11 | 13 | 31 | 38 | 105 | 175.0% | 138.5% 🔺 | 176.3% 🛦 |
| Pornography/Obscene Material | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0.0% | 100.0% 🔻 | 100.0% 🔻 |
| Prostitution | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 0.0% | NC | NC |
| Weapon Law Violations | 1 | 1 | 6 | 9 | 28 | 34 | 0.0% | 50.0% 🔺 | 21.4% |
| Sector Totals | 120 | 78 | 412 | 368 | 1843 | 1466 | 35.0%▼ | 10.7% ▼ | 20.5% ▼ |

| Last 7 Days | | |
|---|---|--|
| Notes: | Top 5 Locations - Compared to last year | Top 5 Offense Locations - Compared to last year |
| • There were no Homicide offense(s) during the last 7 days. | ● 4306 E Q St: 0 7 5 | Single Family Residence: 35 ≥ 24 |
| • 60.9% (14/23) of the Assaults were coded Simple Assault. | • 7250 Pacific Ave: 2 7 5 | ● Street/Right Of Way: 13 ↗ 17 |
| • There were 18 DV-related offenses. | ● 707 S 56th St: 7 ↘ 3 | Parking Lot: 21 ≥ 9 |
| • 72.2% (13/18) of the DV-related offenses were Persons. | 7430 Pacific Ave: 0 7 3 | ● Grocery Store: 12 ↘ 4 |
| • 52.2% (12/23) of the Assaults were DV-related. | • 8402 S Hosmer St: $3 \leftrightarrow 3$ | Private Vehicle: 1 7 2 |
| ● DV-related Offenses: 22 ≥ 18 | • 3811 E Arlington Dr: 0 7 3 | Apartment: 8 ≥ 2 |
| • There were no Gang-Related offense(s) during the last 7 days. | | • Sidewalk: $2 \leftrightarrow 2$ |
| Theft from Motor Vehicle: 7 ≥ 2 | | • There were 3 additional locations with 2. |



MEETINGS FOR THE WEEK OF May 5, 2025 Through May 9, 2025

| TIME | MEETING | LOCATION |
|---------------------|--|---|
| Monday, May 5, 2025 | | |
| 5:30 pm | Tacoma Creates Advisory Board | 747 Market St., Municipal Bldg., Conf. Rm. 248 Join Zoom Meeting at: <u>https://zoom.us/j/97000956979</u> Telephonic: Dial 253-215-8782 Meeting ID: 970 0095 6979 Passcode: 675391 Contact Lisa Jaret at 253-591-5161 |
| 6:00 pm | Commission on Elected Salaries | 747 Market St., Municipal Bldg., Conf. Rm 243 Join Zoom Meeting at: <u>https://zoom.us/j/98591418685</u> Telephonic: Dial 253-215-8782 Meeting ID: 985 9141 8685 Passcode: 105898 |
| | TUESDAY, M | АУ 6, 2025 |
| 9:00 AM | Hearing Examiner's Hearing* | 747 Market St., Municipal Bldg., Council Chambers Visit <u>www.cityoftacoma.org/hearingexaminer</u> |
| 9:00 am | Police Pension/Disability Board | 3628 S. 35th St., Public Utilities Bldg., ABN-Ground Floor, Retirement Conf. Rm. Join Zoom Meeting at: https://zoom.us/j/86309639383 Telephonic: Dial 253-215-8782 Meeting ID: 863 0963 9383 Passcode: 521502 Contact Cheri Campbell at 253-502-8700 |
| 10:00 am | Government Performance and Finance Committee | 747 Market St., Municipal Bldg., Conf. Rm. 248 Join Zoom Meeting at: <u>https://zoom.us/j/84416690206</u> Telephonic: Dial 253-215-8782 Meeting ID: 844 1669 0206 Passcode: 614650 Contact City Clerk's Office at 253-591-5505 |
| 11:15 am | Bid Opening** | 3628 S. 35th St., Public Utilities Bldg., ABN-M1 Join Zoom Meeting at: <u>https://zoom.us/j/88402380573</u> Telephonic: Dial 253-215-8782 Meeting ID: 884 0268 0573 Passcode: 070737 Contact Lisa Yost at 253-502-8468 |
| Noon | City Council Study Session | 747 Market St., Municipal Bldg., Council Chambers Join Zoom Meeting at: <u>https://zoom.us/j/89496171192</u> Telephonic: Dial 253-215-8782 Meeting ID: 894 9617 1192 Passcode: 896569 Contact City Clerk's Office at 253-591-5505 |
| Noon | Committee of the Whole – Special Meeting | 747 Market St., Municipal Bldg., Council Chambers Join Zoom Meeting at: https://zoom.us/j/89496171192 Telephonic: Dial 253-215-8782 Meeting ID: 894 9617 1192 Passcode: 896569 |
| 5:00 pm | City Council Meeting | 747 Market St., Municipal Bldg., Council Chambers Join Zoom Meeting at: <u>https://zoom.us/j/84834233126</u> Telephonic: Dial 253-215-8782 Meeting ID: 848 3423 3126 Passcode: 349099 Contact City Clerk's Office at 253-591-5505 |

5:00 PM Planning Commission

747 Market St., Municipal Bldg., Council Chambers Join Zoom Meeting at: <u>https://zoom.us/j/84416624153</u> Telephonic: Dial 253-215-8782 Meeting ID: 844 1662 4153 Contact Stephen Atkinson at 253-905-4146

| THURSDAY, MAY 8, 2025 | | |
|-----------------------|--|--|
| 7:30 AM | Tacoma Community Redevelopment Authority Board – CANCELLED | |
| 9:00 AM | Hearing Examiner's Hearing* | 747 Market St., Municipal Bldg., Council Chambers Visit <u>www.cityoftacoma.org/hearingexaminer</u> |
| 1:00 pm | Tacoma Employees' Retirement System Board | 3628 S. 35th St., Public Utilities Bldg.,ABN-LT1 Conf. Rm.Contact Adora Peters at 253-502-8612 |
| 4:00 pm | Tacoma Area Commission on Disabilities | 747 Market St., Municipal Bldg., Conf. Rm. 243 Join Zoom Meeting at: <u>https://zoom.us/j/6644868913</u> Telephonic: Dial 253-215-8782 Meeting ID: 664 486 8913 Passcode: Equity |
| 4:30 pm | Community Vitality and Safety Committee | 747 Market St., Municipal Bldg., Council Chambers Join Zoom Meeting at: https://zoom.us/j/85961604917 Telephonic: Dial 253-215-8782 Meeting ID: 853 7107 5182 Passcode: 657068 Contact Wendy Hobson at 253-591-2059 |
| 5:00 pm | Land Use Public Meeting*** | 747 Market St., Municipal Bldg., Council Chambers Contact Shirley Schultz at <u>sschultz@cityoftacoma.org</u> |

FRIDAY, MAY 9, 2025

| 8:00 AM Joint Municipal Action Committee Quarterly Meeting | 747 Market St., Municipal Bldg., Conf. Rm. 248 |
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| | Join Zoom Meeting at: https://zoom.us/j/84064886981 |
| | Telephonic: Dial 253-215-8782 |
| | Meeting ID: 840 6488 6981 |



Meeting sites are accessible to people with disabilities. People with disabilities requiring special accommodations should contact the appropriate department(s) 48 hours prior to the meeting time.

* Hearing Examiner's Hearings and Local Improvement District Meetings meet on an as-needed basis. Contact the Hearing Examiner's Office at 253-591-5195 to confirm whether a meeting will be held this week. Hearings may be held at various times throughout the day.

** Bid Opening will be held on an as-needed basis. Contact the Finance Procurement and Payables Office at 253-502-8468 or <u>www.tacomapurchasing.org</u> to confirm whether Bid Opening will be held.

*** Land Use Public Meetings meet on an as-needed basis. Contact the Division Manager Shirley Schultz at 253-345-0879 to confirm whether a meeting will be held this week.



CITY OF TACOMA, WASHINGTON OFFICE OF THE CITY COUNCIL COUNCIL CONSIDERATION REQUEST

| то: | Mayor & City Council |
|-------------------|---|
| FROM: | Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee and Christina Caan, Policy Analyst |
| COPIES TO: | Elizabeth Pauli, City Manager; Chris Bacha, City Attorney |
| SUBJECT: | Resolution Directing the City Manager and Planning Commission to advance a phased set of actions aimed at creating a thriving urban forest in Tacoma by expanding the City's Urban Forestry Program and advancing implementation of the Urban Forestry Management Plan |
| DATE: | April 30, 2025 |

We ask for your support for a resolution directing the City Manager and Planning Commission to advance a phased set of actions aimed at creating a thriving urban forest in Tacoma by expanding the City's Urban Forestry Program and advancing implementation of the Urban Forestry Management Plan.

LEGISLATIVE INTENT

Background: Tacoma has historically lacked robust regulations regarding tree planting and preservation, resulting in low citywide tree canopy cover.¹ However, a thriving urban forest is a fundamental component of healthy, resilient, and livable communities.² Tree cover and urban landscaping play a major role in supporting urban wildlife, reducing stormwater runoff, filtering pollution, and reducing the urban heat island effect. Trees also contribute to the aesthetic environment, providing an attractive urban setting to enhance livability and foster economic development.

In the past several years, the City Council has begun enacting new regulations to better protect and enhance our urban forest, including revising landscaping and tree standards to support better environmental and community health outcomes during development, updating regulations for tree removal, pruning and planting in the right-of-way, and creating a heritage tree program.³ In November 2024, the City Council also adopted an amendment to the Home in Tacoma Zoning and Standards Package, directing the Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability (IPS) Committee to initiate a broader policy discussion regarding the City's urban forest.

 On February 12, the IPS Committee received an informational briefing about the Urban Forest Management Plan and the current programs and services the City offers for urban forest management.⁴ This presentation provided a baseline review of tree planting and maintenance programs, Urban Forestry staffing and funding, and other relevant information to help guide opportunities to adjust City regulations, financial incentives, and City responsibilities to help improve the tree canopy.

¹ <u>City of Tacoma - Tree Plotter Inventory</u>

² <u>City of Tacoma - Environmental Services Urban Forestry</u>

³ City of Tacoma - Urban Forest Manual; City of Tacoma - Heritage Tree Program

⁴ City of Tacoma - Tacoma Urban Forestry Program Update

On February 26, IPS Committee Chair Kristina Walker led a discussion on a set of new policy proposals for expanding the City's Urban Forestry Program and advancing implementation of the Urban Forestry Management Plan.⁵ This included discussion of tree preservation standards citywide, appropriate City resources for tree planting and maintenance, and regulatory and non-regulatory tools for tree preservation. Following this discussion, IPS members agree to advance a resolution request to the full City Council for consideration.

Resolution Request: The proposed resolution would direct the City Manager and Planning Commission to advance a phased set of actions aimed at creating a thriving urban forest in Tacoma by expanding the City's Urban Forestry Program and advancing implementation of the Urban Forestry Management Plan.

Phase One: Public Engagement and External Consultation

Tentative Timeline: June 2025-December 2025

The intention of Phase One is to deepen the City's understanding of the public demand for expanding the City's Urban Forestry Program and advancing implementation of the Urban Forestry Management Plan. In addition, Phase One should begin work to identify contract services to work on data collection and analysis needed to advance more complicated City actions regarding land use and development regulations. Phase One should include the following directions to the City Manager:

- 1. Launch a series of Council-led public engagements and updates to gather community input on expanding the City's Urban Forestry Program and advancing implementation of the Urban Forestry Management Plan.
- 2. Provide options for expanding "Make a Splash" grant funding for depaving and tree planting projects. Sponsors recommend starting with a one-year pilot program in 2026 with a set total amount up to \$150,000 to gauge community interest, as well as potential opportunities to allow corporate matching funds.
- 3. Use non-General Fund resources to initiate a contract with a consultant to support analysis, planning, and development of code and tasks in this phased approach as needed.

Phase Two: Budget Proposals

Tentative Timeline: January 2026 – June 2026

The intention of Phase Two is to prepare City Council to potentially advance a budget request that expands City tree maintenance in the right-of-way for the 2027-2028 biennial budget. Phase Two should include the following directions to the City Manager, considering the information collected in Phase One:

- 1. Create a fiscal impact note and legal analysis for Council consideration to create a program that offers business districts the option to pay the City to provide services to maintain trees within the business district. The fiscal impact note should outline three potential service level options that range in cost, as well as costs for staff and administration of the program.
- 2. Create a fiscal impact note and legal analysis for Council consideration of a range of options to raise funding for expanded City management of tree maintenance in right-of-way. Options

⁵ City of Tacoma - Tacoma Urban Forest Policy Discussion

could include a wastewater excise tax, stormwater utility rate enhancement, shared tree crew with other agency, or other recommendations. The analysis should also include information about the benefits to the City and community of expanded City tree maintenance in the right-of-way, as well as suggestions based on Light Detection and Ranging (LiDAR) data for optimal locations to plant new trees in the right-of-way.

Phase Three: Code Development

Tentative Timeline: January 2026 – December 2026

The intention of Phase Three is to launch Planning Commission engagement on new land use and development regulations regarding tree canopy management and preservation. The Planning Commission's engagement is required by law when creating new land use and development regulations. Phase Three should include the following directions to the Planning Commission, taking into consideration the housing crisis and the vital need to meet our responsibilities to the Growth Management Act, as well as broader City budget constraints:

- 1. Study and make recommendations for ordinance options to be considered by the City Council around tree canopy management and preservation for development sites citywide. The Planning Commission should include consideration of the possibility of applying the established tree preservation and tree credits for development sites under Home in Tacoma to all additional zones beyond UR.
 - The Planning Commission should also consider the appropriate amount of time before a development permit is applied for and after a development project is completed for when these permit regulations apply.
- 2. Study and make recommendations for ordinance options to be considered by the City Council that create a new permit structure for a Canopy Loss Fee on sites without active development permit(s) in all zones.
 - The permit structure should offer exemptions for a tree(s) located on a site if it is a hazardous tree, nuisance tree, prohibited tree, tree damaging the sidewalk, significantly damaged tree, or a tree located within a View Sensitive District, as well as penalties for removing a tree without a permit. This work should also consider implications around equity and access in the City. Additional tree protection requirements could include tree size and zoning, as well as other potential data and analysis collected in Phase One.
- 3. Study and make recommendations for ordinance options to be considered by the City Council that increase tree canopy requirements for parking lots that are currently exempt (e.g. small parking lots) and also increase the tree canopy requirement for all parking lots.
- 4. Study and make recommendations for ordinance options to be considered by the City Council that determine and require increased tree canopy requirements for commercial, manufacturing, and industrial uses in very low equity areas.

Phase Four: Budget Proposals

Tentative Timeline: January 2027 – June 2027

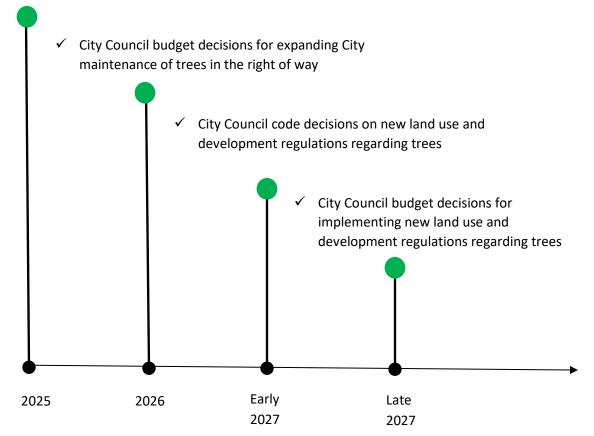
The intention of Phase Four is for the City Council to consider adopting potential new code developed through the Planning Commission process and advance potential budget requests for the mid-modification budget discussions for implementation. This consideration should carefully balance the

vital need for additional housing development to address our housing crisis and broader City budget constraints. Phase Four should include the following directions to the City Manager:

1. Create fiscal impact notes for Council consideration regarding options for implementation of potential new land use and development regulations regarding tree preservation, tree credits, and canopy loss fees identified in Phase Three.

Graphic: Anticipated Outcomes of Phased Approach

- ✓ Launch Council-led public engagement
- ✓ New pilot program for additional depaving and tree planting projects
- ✓ Hire consultant to launch data collection and analysis



DESIRED RESOLUTION DATE: May 13, 2025

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Community members have raised concerns about Tacoma's tree canopy during various City Council and City staff engagements, including most recently during public discussion on Home in Tacoma. In addition, the City's Neighborhood Planning process for Proctor, McKinley, and South Tacoma all flagged community support for increased tree canopy as a priority. During the two-year public engagement process (2017-2019) to develop the City's Urban Forest Management Plan, community members also shared a robust concern for mature tree protection. Community members also engaged with the IPS Committee to share feedback and a strong desire for increasing Tacoma's efforts to maintain and plant more trees, especially in the right-of-way.

2025 STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

Equity and Accessibility: As of 2017, an analysis of LiDAR data showed that Tacoma's tree canopy is not distributed evenly across the city, with some census blocks in low opportunity areas experiencing as low as 3 percent tree canopy cover, while others in high opportunity areas have as great as 64 percent tree canopy cover.⁶ This results in low opportunity areas experiencing greater urban heat island effects, as well as limited access to other social, environmental, and economic benefits provided by greater tree canopy. By protecting and expanding Tacoma's urban forest, the City can better ensure that all residents have the ability to reap the economic, health, and social benefits of green infrastructure and green space.⁷

Civic Engagement: *Equity Index Score*: Moderate Opportunity

Increase the percentage of residents who believe they are able to have a positive impact on the community and express trust in the public institutions in Tacoma.

Livability: Equity Index Score: Moderate Opportunity

Increase positive public perception of safety and overall quality of life.

How does your policy, program, or service help or harm the health of the natural environment?^{*i*} (e.g. reduction in carbon emissions, open space conditions, sustainability, clean air, water and soil, and noise and light pollution).

| Alternative | Positive Impacts | Negative Impacts |
|---|---|---|
| Do not provide direction to the City Manager. | The City Council could have the City Manager focus on other Council priorities. | The City Council would lack robust information about options for expanding tree maintenance in the right-of-way and other opportunities to further advance implementation of the Urban Forestry Management Plan. |
| Do not provide direction to the Planning Commission. | Tacoma would maintain current standards for tree preservation and tree canopy that exist in the Home in Tacoma package and the Planning Commission could focus on other priority work. | The City Council would not be able to enact new requirements for tree preservation or tree canopy on non- City property beyond current laws. |

ALTERNATIVES

EVALUATIONS AND FOLLOW UP

If approved, this resolution would request that the City Manager and Planning Commission report back to the City Council according to the tentative timeline outlined in the phased approach. Information and data gathered during these phases should also be used to help inform future work on setting realistic tree canopy goals and policies and be incorporated into the City's stormwater manual.

SPONSOR RECOMMENDATION

Sponsors recommend moving the resolution forward to a vote on May 13, 2025.

⁶ <u>City of Tacoma - Canopy Cover</u>

⁷ <u>Tacoma Community Forestry</u>

FISCAL IMPACT

If approved, there are a variety of fiscal costs and benefits associated with this resolution:

- Any work directed to the City Manager has costs associated with staff time and legal analysis. City staff time and legal analysis is already factored into Department fiscal calculations, but City staff would need to incorporate this new work into their current workload, which is likely to create delays on other work items. City staff have a history of work on these topics that they will draw on when possible.
- Any work directed to the Planning Commission has costs associated with City staff time and legal analysis. To minimize the fiscal impact and recognize constraints on existing Planning Commission and City staff workload, the resolution recommends a phased approach and outside consultant support, funded by Planning and Development Services and Environmental Services.
- The cost of launching an expanded "Make a Splash" grant funding for increasing depaving and tree planting projects varies depending on the set amount Council decides to use as the cap for the pilot program.
- While there are potential costs associated with actions outlined in this resolution, there are also gains and financial benefits related to increasing tree canopy and tree preservation. Urban trees can amplify the impact of City infrastructure investments by helping to remove air pollution, absorbing stormwater, and lowering urban temperatures. Urban trees also provide economic benefits to our residents by lowering air conditioning and heating costs, buffering excessive noise and wind, and reducing flood damage. In addition, urban trees are a form of public health infrastructure that can help reduce feelings of stress and depression, protect against skin cancer, and foster a sense of community.

If you have a question related to the resolution request, please contact Christina Caan, Policy Analyst, at (253) 219-0679 (phone) or <u>ccaan@cityoftacoma.org</u>.

SUBMITTED FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION BY:

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Council Member Kristina Walker

SUPPORTING COUNCIL MEMBERS SIGNATURES

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CITY OF TACOMA, WASHINGTON OFFICE OF THE CITY COUNCIL COUNCIL CONSIDERATION REQUEST

| ТО: | Mayor & City Council |
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| FROM: | Council Member John Hines and Christina Caan, Policy Analyst |
| COPIES TO: | Elizabeth Pauli, City Manager; Chris Bacha, City Attorney |
| SUBJECT: | Ordinance to amend Title 17 and Title 5 of the Municipal Code to better address animal overpopulation and add clarifications |
| DATE: | April 30, 2025 |

We ask for your support to advance an ordinance amending Title 17 and Title 5 of the Municipal Code to better address animal overpopulation and add clarifications.

LEGISLATIVE INTENT

Ordinance Request: Tacoma is grappling with an increase in its animal population, leading to overburdened animal shelters, strained animal control and police services, and amplified risks to the environment, public safety, and public health. Animal overpopulation is also detrimental for animal welfare, as it can lead to increased euthanasia rates for healthy and adoptable animals due to the high costs of sheltering and an insufficient number of adopters or foster homes.¹

- In 2022-2023, Tacoma's 311 system received 758 complaints related to animal issues, such as breeding, animal waste, and animals that have been hit by vehicles. In 2023-2024, the number of complaints doubled. Data for 2024-2025 shows that 311 complaints for animal issues remained on par with the record highs at 1,467 complaints.
- The Humane Society for Tacoma & Pierce County (HSTPC) has resorted to doubling and tripling kennel occupancy, as well as waiving or reducing adoption fees, on multiple occasions due to high intake rates and overcrowding.²

Tacoma's Municipal Code (TMC) is currently ill-suited to help curb animal overpopulation, as it lacks robust constraints on issues such as breeding companion animals for profit and owning unaltered animals. The TMC also lacks sufficient fees to help generate even modest amounts of revenue that could be used to support low-cost spay and neuter programs, as well as Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) efforts for community cats. Low-cost spay and neuter programs, along with TNR efforts, are a proven method for managing animal populations, limiting the burden on Animal Control, Police officers, and animal shelters, minimizing the negative impacts of large numbers of unhoused animals on neighborhoods, and curbing the need to euthanize healthy and adoptable companion animals.³

To better equip Tacoma to manage its animal population, we are proposing a variety of updates to Title 17 of the TMC, such as:

¹ Shelter Intake and Surrender | Animal Homelessness | ASPCA

² <u>Making Happy Happen: Over 220 Animals Find Loving Homes During Shelter Capacity Crisis - The Humane Society</u> for Tacoma & Pierce County

³ Dog Population & Dog Sheltering Trends in the United States of America - PMC (nih.gov)

- Adding a definition for "community cats" to enable unowned, free-roaming, and generally feral cats that may be receiving care from a community member or may be stable without intervention in their resident area to remain outdoors and be altered through TNR programs.
- Banning the breeding, advertising, and sale of companion animals for profit without a current business license issued under TMC 6B.20.
- Creating mandatory spay and neuter requirements for animals impounded by Animal Control, absent proof of alteration or risk to the health of the animal.
- Increasing the animal licensing fees, including unaltered fees, to help fund low-cost spay and neuter programs and TNR efforts.

Along with updates aimed at curbing animal overpopulation, we are proposing changes to the legal status of indoor and outdoor pigs in Title 17 and Title 5 to better assist Animal Control and the Tacoma Police Department when dealing with these animals. While "hogs" are currently regulated in Title 5, the code lacks clarity regarding the definition of "hogs" and pigs that fall outside the definition of a "hog" are not regulated. We are proposing code changes that clarify the definition of "hogs" and the conditions for keeping pigs that are not raised for slaughter outdoors, as well as new code for keeping indoor companion pigs. These changes are in alignment with other large cities in Washington that allow pet pigs, such as Seattle, Olympia, Vancouver, Bellevue, and Everett, and Department of Ecology guidance that pigs do not need to be precluded from properties within the Tacoma Smelter Plume area due to potentially contaminated soils.

DESIRED FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE DATE: May 13, 2025

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Community members in Tacoma have expressed alarm regarding the number of unhoused animals in their neighborhoods and difficulties finding space or long wait times for assistance at animal shelters. In addition, community members express frustration that overpopulation is a drain on animal control and police services and share concerns about sanitation issues from unhoused animals. City Council Members have also received community input regarding problems arising from a lack of clarity in the code regarding hogs. The HSTPC and other local community groups have also shared feedback regarding the challenges they face with animal overpopulation.

2025 STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

Equity and Accessibility: These proposed updates aim to better enable the City to provide animal welfare services to all our residents by decreasing animal overpopulation. This proposal also aims to allow those who qualify for the Tacoma Public Utility Bill Assistance program to pay reduced rate animal license fees, along with seniors and individuals with a permanent disability. This aims to help make pet ownership more affordable for all our low-income residents.

Civic Engagement: *Equity Index Score*: Moderate Opportunity

Increase the percentage of residents who believe they are able to have a positive impact on the community and express trust in the public institutions in Tacoma.

Livability: *Equity Index Score*: Moderate Opportunity Increase positive public perception of safety and overall quality of life.

ALTERNATIVES

| Alternative | Positive Impacts | Negative Impacts |
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| Take no action. | N/A | Tacoma is likely to face rising costs and community impacts from animal overpopulation and the |

| | overextension of animal shelters and |
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| | Animal Control services. |
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EVALUATIONS AND FOLLOW UP

If approved, the code updates would be published on relevant City websites and shared with relevant departments and animal shelters. Tax and License also intends to reach out to additional local veterinarians to promote partnerships for animal licensing to expand the number of pets that are licensed in Tacoma. The new license fees will have a delayed effectiveness until August 1, 2025, giving the community time get their pet licensed for the first year at the lower rate. The City Manager should also provide an annual update to the City Council in the City Manager's Weekly Report about the number of pig licenses issued by the City, as well as the number of cat and dog licenses issued by the City, with a particular focus on decreases in unaltered animal licenses. The City Manager should also include the annual number of animals that are spayed or neutered when impounded for the first time.

SPONSOR RECOMMENDATION

Sponsors recommend advancing this ordinance proposal.

FISCAL IMPACT

Several of the suggested updates to the code outlined in Exhibit A include increases to our license fees and civil penalties, potentially generating modest increased revenue amounts for the General Fund, especially if paired with efforts to increase animal licensing outreach with local veterinarians. Increasing unaltered animal licensing fees may result in some decrease in unaltered licensing, although Tax and License estimates that overall revenue from increased fees would still increase by more than \$130,000.

If you have a question related to this Council Consideration Request, please contact Christina Caan, Policy Analyst, at (253) 219-0679 (phone) or <u>ccaan@cityoftacoma.org.</u>

SUBMITTED FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION BY:

Council Member John Hines

SUPPORTING COUNCIL MEMBERS SIGNATURES

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Mayor initials: Victoria R. Woodards

Attachement: Exhibit A - Proposed Code Updates



EXHIBIT A: Proposed Code Updates

CHAPTER 17.01 ANIMAL CONTROL – GENERAL PROVISIONS

17.01.010 Definitions.

As used in this title, the following terms shall have the following meanings: * * *

"Community cat" refers to an unowned, free-roaming cat that may be receiving care from a community member or may be stable without intervention in its resident area. These cats are generally feral and may or may not be reproductively sterilized. Community cats are not defined as stray cats, and they do not have a legal owner and are not routinely microchipped.

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17.01.080 Redemption of dogs.

Unless otherwise specifically provided in this title, the owner of any dog impounded under this title may redeem said dog within 48 hours from time of impounding by paying the appropriate redemption fee to the animal shelter, if the animal is in the animal shelter; otherwise, to the City. For the first impound within a one-year period, the redemption fee is \$<u>50</u>25 and the dog will be required to be microchipped; for the second impound within a one-year period, the redemption fee is \$<u>10075</u>. In addition to the redemption fee, the redeemer shall pay as a boarding charge for the caring and keeping of such dog as determined by the animal shelter and any licensing fees and penalties related to licensing. All fees and charges must be paid prior to redeeming the dog at the discretion of the animal shelter. A dog may not be redeemed unless it is properly licensed. If an impounded dog is not redeemed by the owner within <u>7248</u> hours, then any person may purchase it within the next <u>7248</u> hours by complying with the animal shelter's purchase provisions. In case such dog is not redeemed within <u>96</u> hours of impoundment, it may be humanely euthanized or otherwise disposed of within the discretion of the animal shelter.

17.01.090 Redemption of livestock.

The owner of livestock impounded under this title may redeem said livestock within 48 hours from time of impounding by paying a redemption fee of $\frac{7535}{15075}$ per animal for small livestock (i.e., goats, sheep, swine, ostriches, rhea, emu, etc.) and a redemption fee of $\frac{15075}{15075}$ per animal for large livestock (i.e., cattle, horses, mules, llamas, etc.) to the animal shelter, if the animal is in the animal shelter; otherwise, to the City. In addition, the cost of a private livestock hauler, if one is used, is to be paid at the time of redemption. In addition to the redemption fee, the redeemer shall pay as a boarding charge for the caring and keeping of such animal the sum of \$6-as determined by the animal shelter for each day, including the first and last days that the animal is cared for at the animal shelter. The livestock may be cared for by a private boarding facility, in which case that facility's boarding fees shall be paid to the City at the time of redemption.

17.01.100 Redemption of animals other than dogs and livestock.



The owner of any animal other than a dog or livestock impounded under the provisions of this title may redeem it within 7248 hours from the time of impounding by paying a redemption fee of \$2515 to the animal shelter, if the animal is in the animal shelter; otherwise, to the City. In addition to the redemption fee, the redeemer shall pay as a boarding charge for the caring and keeping of such animal the sum of \$4 per day for each day, including the first and last days that the animal is retained by the animal shelteras determined by the animal shelter. Microchips are mandatory upon impounding cats (not to include community cats by definition) at an animal shelter and the cost of the microchip shall be included in the fees designated by the animal shelter. All fees and charges must be paid prior to redeeming a cat at the discretion of the animal shelter. A cat may not be redeemed unless it is properly licensed and community cats should not be returned until spayed or neutered. If such animal is not redeemed by the owner within 48 hours, it may be humanely euthanized or otherwise disposed of at any time after impounding.

17.01.110 Mandatory spay/neuter for impounded dogs and cats – exception.

A. No unaltered dog or cat that is impounded more than once in any 12-month period may be redeemed by any person until the animal is spayed or neutered. The alteration shall be accomplished by the animal shelter or by any duly licensed veterinarian in Pierce County authorized by the animal shelter. In all cases, the veterinarian fees shall be paid at the time of redemption by the animal's owner.

B. Exceptions. The alteration shall not be required upon a showing of proof of alteration from a licensed veterinarian. The alteration shall not be required if the owner or other person redeeming the animal provides a written statement from a licensed veterinarian stating that the spay or neuter procedure would be harmful to the animal. An unaltered animal must have an unaltered animal license with the City of Tacoma.

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17.01.130 Conditions of release.

The animal control authority may refuse to release to its owner any animal that has been impounded more than once in a 12-month period unless the owner demonstrates that <u>they have he or she has</u> taken steps to reasonably ensure that the violation will not occur again and the animal has been spayed or neutered. The animal shelter or the animal control authority may impose reasonable conditions that must be satisfied by the owner before release of the animal, including conditions assuring that the animal will be confined. Failure to comply with the conditions of release is a violation.

Exceptions. The alteration shall not be required upon a showing of proof of alteration from a licensed veterinarian. The alteration shall not be required if the owner or other person redeeming the animal provides a written statement from a licensed veterinarian stating that the spay or neuter procedure would be harmful to the animal. An unaltered animal must have an unaltered animal license with the City of Tacoma.

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17.01.150 Duties upon injury or death to an animal – misdemeanor.

The operator of a vehicle involved in an accident resulting in injury or death to a cat, dog, or livestock shall immediately stop the vehicle at or as near to the scene of the accident as possible and return thereto, and



shall give to the owner or other competent person having custody of the animal the name and address of the operator of the vehicle and the registration number of the vehicle involved in the accident. If the owner or other competent person is not the person at the scene of the accident, the operator shall take reasonable steps to locate the owner or custodian of the animal and shall supply the information hereinabove required. If the animal is injured to the extent that it requires immediate medical attention and there is no owner or custodian present to look after it, the operator of said vehicle shall immediately report the situation to the Tacoma Police Department. A person who violates this shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and face a \$250 fine.

CHAPTER 17.02 ANIMAL CONTROL

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17.02.030 Stray dog, cat, or animal.

Any stray dog, cat, or animal running at large within the City may be seized and impounded. For the purposes of this section, "stray dog," "stray cat," and "stray animal" shall mean and include any dog, cat, or animal loitering in a neighborhood or any public place without an apparent owner or home. <u>Community</u> cats located outside who have a caretaker are not considered "stray."

XXXX Indoor Pigs

- No more than two (2) pigs may be kept as indoor household pets per property.
- Each pig must weigh less than 100 pounds.
- Pigs must be licensed, spayed/neutered, and microchipped by owner.
- Pigs may not be used for breeding or consumption.
- Pigs must be on leash when off property.
- No condition shall be allowed to develop or continue on any premises which creates objectionable odors or noises or is unsightly.
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17.02.085 Animals injuring domestic animals or livestock – misdemeanor.

The owner or other person having control or custody of any animal is guilty of a misdemeanor if they have possession, custody, or control of an animal that, because of the owner's negligence, causes serious or grave injury to a domestic animal or livestock which is acting in a lawful manner. Any such animal may be seized and impounded.

Any penalties imposed under this section are in addition to any penalties or civil remedies imposed in relation to a declaration that a dog is dangerous or potentially dangerous.

17.02.090 Animals injuring humans, domestic animals, or livestock – gross misdemeanor.



The owner or other person having control or custody of any animal is guilty of a gross misdemeanor if <u>they</u> <u>have he or she has</u> possession, custody, or control of an animal that, because of the owner's negligence, causes <u>serious or grave</u> injury to a human, domestic animal, or livestock which is acting in a lawful manner. Any such animal may be seized and impounded.

Any penalties imposed under this section are in addition to any penalties or civil remedies imposed in relation to a declaration that a dog is dangerous or potentially dangerous.

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17.02.110 Directing dog to harass or attack public officer – gross misdemeanor – minimum mandatory.

It shall be unlawful for any person having control or custody of any dog to allow, direct, encourage, cause, or otherwise aid or assist any dog to threaten, charge, intimidate, bite, harass, menace, or attack any animal control or other public officer engaged in the conduct of <u>their his or her</u> duties. Any such animal may be seized and impounded. Any violation of this section is a gross misdemeanor, and shall carry a minimum mandatory sentence of five days in jail and a fine of no less than \$100<u>0</u>.

"Public officer" means any general authority, limited authority, or specially commissioned Washington peace officer or federal peace officer, as those terms are defined in RCW 10.93.020, and other public officers who are responsible for enforcement of fire, building, zoning, and life and safety codes.

CHAPTER 17.04 DANGEROUS DOGS AND POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS DOGS

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17.04.040 Permits and fees.

A. Within ten days following a declaration of potentially dangerous dog, and the exhaustion of any appeal therefrom, the owner of a potentially dangerous dog shall obtain a permit for such dog from the Finance Department of the City and shall be required to pay a fee for such permit in the amount of $\frac{250300}{1000}$, have the dog implanted with a microchip, and provide the microchip number to the Finance Department of the City.

B. Any potentially dangerous dog is also subject to any additional conditions of confinement set forth in RCW 16.08, as now exists or as may be amended hereafter, including, but not limited to, posting of warning signs and maintenance of liability insurance coverage.

C. The owner of a potentially dangerous dog shall pay an annual renewal fee for such permit in the amount of 10050 for two years. After two years, the permit requirement ends.

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17.04.070 Confiscation and destruction of potentially dangerous dog.

Any potentially dangerous dog confiscated pursuant to this chapter shall be returned to the owner upon the owner's compliance with this chapter. However, if the owner does not comply with the provisions of this



chapter within 72 hours following confiscation of said dog, said dog shall be euthanized in an expeditious and humane manner, except as otherwise specifically provided in this chapter. The owner is subject to boarding charges as set forth in Section 17.01.080, in addition to all penalties set forth in this chapter. If the owner does not comply or seek to regain the potentially dangerous dog from confiscation, the animal shelter is required to alert potential adopters to the dog's status as potentially dangerous.

This section also applies to any dog declared dangerous under any prior ordinance and prior to the effective date of this ordinance.

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CHAPTER 17.05 DOG AND CAT LICENSES

17.05.010 License required.

D. After August 1, 2002, absent proof of prior ownership, the <u>The</u> following are the maximum number of dogs and cats which may be licensed by a resident of the City or kept at a street address or physical location in the City:

1. six dogs or six cats or any combination of dogs and cats totaling six animals.

2. After June 1, 2025, absent proof of prior ownership, only one of the total maximum number of dogs and cats may be licensed as unaltered.

E. The maximum limits on dogs and cats at a street address or physical location does not apply to the facilities of the Humane Society or other animal shelter, veterinary hospitals, or kennel in compliance with this title.

17.05.012 <u>Repealed.</u> Puppies and kittens.

A. It is a violation to sell or give away puppies unless the puppies were born to a dog licensed as an unaltered animal.

B. It is a violation to sell or give away kittens unless the kittens were born to a cat licensed as an unaltered animal.

C. If the owner provides proof to the court that the dog or cat that bore the puppies or kittens was subsequently spayed and is currently licensed, the court shall consider this a mitigating factor in determining the whether to impose a penalty or the amount of any penalty that is imposed.

D. Any advertisement, sign, placard, or notice that puppies or kittens are available for sale or may be obtained free of charge must include the license tag number of the mother of the puppies or kittens. Failure to include the license tag information is a violation.

E. This section does not apply to the Humane Society or an animal shelter as defined in this title.



XXXXX. Banning breeding, advertising, and sale of companion animals for profit

A. The Deliberate Breeding of Companion Animals for Profit is Prohibited.

It shall be unlawful for any person to deliberately breed any companion animal, namely any dog, cat, or rabbit, for the purposes of profit without a current business license issued under 6B.20 in Tacoma Municipal Code. Violation of this subsection by any person or corporation shall be a civil violation punishable by a fine of not more than one thousand dollars (\$1000) per litter deliberately bred. Anyone found guilty of this provision may cure this fine by providing proof that all of the animals bred and their offspring have been spayed or neutered to the Animal Control Officer, via inspection of the animals in question and veterinary records, and that all breeding activity on the property has ceased.

B. Advertisement and Sale of Companion Animals Prohibited.

It shall be unlawful for any person to sell or offer for sale any companion animal, namely any dog, cat, or rabbit without a current business license issued under 6B.20 in Tacoma Municipal Code. A retail pet store may provide space and appropriate care for animals owned by a publicly operated Animal Control agency or non-profit animal welfare organization for the purpose of adopting spayed or neutered dogs, cats, or rabbits to the public. Violation of this subsection by any person or corporation shall be a civil violation, punishable by a fine of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) per animal per day.

C. Exception for Accidental Litters.

The prohibition on the deliberate breeding of companion animals for profit shall not apply to litters of companion animals which we were bred due to accident, provided that the person responsible for the animals provides proof to the Animal Control Officer that the animals bred have been spayed or neutered.

D. Exception for Rehoming Fees:

The prohibition on the advertisement and sale of companion animals in 5.05.134(b) shall not apply to rehoming fees required when adopting any companion animal for the purposes of ensuring that the animal is adopted into a safe environment.

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17.05.040 Annual license fees.

The annual license fees for the ownership, keeping, or having control of dogs or cats in the City shall be as follows:

A. Adult Dogs and Cats:

| Cat Altered | \$ <u>30</u> 20 |
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| Cat Unaltered | \$ <u>175</u> 65 |
| Dog Altered | \$ <u>40</u> 30 |
| Dog Unaltered | \$ <u>175</u> 65 |



B. Reduced rates for senior citizens, 65 years of age or older, and individuals with a permanent disability, and individuals who qualify for the Tacoma Public Utility bill assistance program:

| Cat Altered | \$5 |
|---------------|-----------------------------|
| Cat Unaltered | \$ <u>100</u> 35 |
| Dog Altered | \$10 |
| Dog Unaltered | \$ <u>100</u> 35 |

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C. License for Indoor Pig: \$40.00

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HG. In addition to the infraction penalty set forth in Section 17.05.070, any person who fails to obtain a license 30 days after the license expiration date but before 60 days of the expiration date shall pay a penalty of \$1540 per license. Any person who fails to obtain a license after 60 days of the license expiration shall pay a penalty of $\frac{2520}{2}$ per license.

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J. One replacement tag per license term will be given per animal at no fee, and each additional replacement tag shall be 105.00 each.

CHAPTER 5.23 ANIMALS - KEEPING

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5.23.010 Keeping prohibited except in compliance with chapter.

It shall be unlawful for any person to keep any horses, asses, mules, cattle, goats, or sheep, pigs, boars, sows, gilts, barrows, shoats, and piglets within the city limits of the City of Tacoma; provided that this chapter shall not apply in areas in which slaughterhouses or stockyards are permitted by appropriate ordinances of the City of Tacoma; provided, further, that upon full compliance with the provisions of Section 5.23.020 of this chapter, the keeping of any such animal or animals may be permitted when the conditions of said Section are and continue to be complied with in all respects.

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CHAPTER 5.32 HOGS

5.32.010 **Prohibited places.**

The keeping of any member of the swine family, including hogs, pigs, boars, sows, gilts, barrows, shoats, and piglets, for slaughter hog or hogs within the City of Tacoma is hereby declared to be a public nuisance; provided that this chapter shall not apply in areas in which abattoirs or stockyards are permitted by appropriate ordinance. * * *



City of Tacoma

| From: | Council Member Sarah Rumbaugh, Chair of the Community Vitality and Safety |
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| | Committee, and Lynda Foster, Senior Council Policy Analyst |
| То: | Mayor and Council |
| Copies to: | Elizabeth Pauli, City Manager; Hyun Kim, Deputy City Manager; Allyson Griffith, Interim |
| | Deputy City Manager; Chris Bacha, City Attorney |
| Topic: | Requesting feedback to inform Community, Vitality and Safety Committee's policy |
| | review of adopting the International Property Maintenance Code – May 6, 2025 |
| Date: | May 1, 2025 |

BACKGROUND

The phrase "Code compliance" can refer to enforcement of different parts of the Tacoma Municipal Code. The Community, Vitality and Safety committee is reviewing the code for these specific areas:

- TMC 2.01 Minimum Building & Structures Code
- TMC 8.30 Public Nuisances
- TMC 8.30A Chronic Public Nuisances
- TMC 8.122 Noise Enforcement
- TMC 5.30 Poultry & Pigeons

While this process is underway, staff are pursuing short-term opportunities to improve the code enforcement system. PDS is in the processing of switching the City's workload management software to PDS's cloud based Accela program. This provides instant access to records, photos, and other compliance related information. As part of the transition and merging of groups, PDS is also modifying various business processes to streamline and provide a more efficient enforcement pathway. This includes continuous improvement initiatives to align the Permit Compliance and Code Compliance teams.

POLICY REVIEW AT COMMUNITY, VITALITY AND SAFETY COMMITTEE:

The Community, Vitality and Safety Committee is reviewing an update to the City's Code compliance processes. Past presentations on this topic occurred as follows:

- <u>2/9/2023</u>: Code Compliance Overview
- <u>7/23/2023</u>: Minimum Building and Structures Code Compliance Update
- <u>5/23/24</u>: Tacoma Municipal Code Nuisance Code Chapter 8.30 Review
- <u>6/27/2024</u>: Nuisance Code Review Tacoma Municipal Code Chapter 8.30
- <u>10/24/2024</u>: Nuisance Code Review Tacoma Municipal Code Chapter 8.30
- <u>4/10/25</u>: International Property Maintenance Code Implementation Consideration

Starting in 2025, code compliance work was shifted from Neighborhood and Community Services to Planning and Development services. PDS updated CVS on the proposed adoption of the International Property Maintenance Code (IPMC) to replace and consolidate multiple sections of the Tacoma Municipal Code (TMC). This comprehensive approach aims to combine the current Tacoma Municipal Nuisance Code (TMC 8.30) and Title 2 Chapter 2.0 Minimum Building and Structures Code, along with relevant sections from Title 5 (including noise, parking, and health and sanitation provisions). The presentation outlined the benefits of adopting the IPMC, including alignment with surrounding municipalities and creating efficiencies in code enforcement processes. Adopting the IPMC would allow for consolidating approximately 95 percent of these existing codes into one comprehensive framework, streamlining enforcement processes while maintaining local policy authority. The remaining provisions from Title 5 related to noise, parking, and health and sanitation would also be incorporated to ensure all aspects currently enforced by Code Compliance are contained within a single, unified code.

THE ISSUE:

The IPMC leaves the scope of penalties and fees up to the discretion of the local governing authority adopting the code. The Community, Vitality and Safety Committee membership is seeking feedback from the full Council on enforcement approaches to inform their final recommendation.

STUDY SESSION DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

The following questions touch on areas of interest to CVS members exploring this topic:

- 1. In what circumstances would it be appropriate for penalties to accelerate or escalate? I.e.:
 - a. Immediate threats to health, life, or safety of the public (current penalty may be waived if voluntary compliance is achieved).
 - b. Repeat offenses.
 - c. Commercial vs. residential.
 - d. Properties with multiple abatements where we have not recouped costs.
- 2. In these instances, how far do you see penalties escalating? Examples:
 - a. City of Vancouver (<u>VMC 22.02.070</u>) In a two year period: 1st offense \$250, additional: \$500, "daily penalty" option. Can also be prosecuted as a misdemeanor.
 - b. City of Bellevue (<u>1.18.040</u>):
 - i. a. First day of each violation, \$100.00;
 - ii. b. Second day of each violation, \$200.00;
 - iii. c. Third day of each violation, \$300.00;
 - iv. d. Fourth day of each violation, \$400.00;
 - v. e. Each additional day of each violation beyond four days, \$500.00 per day.
 - c. City of Lakewood (8.16.050) has the authority to enforce codes as misdemeanors, gross misdemeanors or infractions.
 - d. City of Bellingham (<u>10.28.050</u>) Any person convicted of violating any provision of this chapter shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.
- 3. What situations are not worthy of acceleration? Are there instances where the current level of due process, or even more due process, would be appropriate?
- 4. What is the right balance of working towards voluntary compliance and ensuring accountability?
 - a. Goals of voluntary compliance include: more equitably code enforcement, minimized cost of enforcement, and reduction of timeline to bring properties into compliance.
 - b. Example: Bellingham BCC <u>1.18.030</u> codifies requirements for a voluntary correction agreement.

| Date | Meeting | Subject | Department | Background |
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| May 6, 2025 | Study Session (Hybrid Council Chambers / Dial-in 12:00 p.m.) | Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program | Public Works - Ramiro Chavez, Jennifer Kammerzell, Darius Thompson | In advance of the public hearing anticipated during the May 20, 2025, City Council Meeting, staff will present the draft annual amendment of the Six-Year Comprehensive Transportation Improvement Program required by RCW 35.77.010. |
| | | City of Tacoma Historic Preservation Annual Update | Planning and Development Services - Reuben McKnight, Susan Johnson Landmarks Preservation Program - Kevin Bartoy | Annual update to City Council on COT Historic Preservation Program and Landmarks Preservation Commission, as part of Historic Preservation Month (May) |
| | | Other Items of Interest - Council Consideration Request - A Resolution Directing the City Manager and Planning Commission to Advance a Phased Set of Actions Aimed at Creating a Thriving Urban Forest in Tacoma | Council Member Walker | |
| | | Other Items of Interest - Council Consideration Request - An Ordinance to Amend Title 5 and 17 of the Municipal Code to Better Address Animal Overpopulation and Add Clarifications | Infrastructure, Planning and Sustainability Committee | |
| | | Other Items of Interest - Discussion Requesting Feedback to Inform the Community, Vitality and Safety Committee's Policy Review of Adopting the International Property Maintenance Code | Council Member Rumbaugh | |
| | Committee of the Whole (Hybrid Council Chambers (immediately following the conclusion of Study Session) | Year End and First Quarter Financials, and Reappropriation | Office of Management and Budget Reid Bennion | |
| | City Council Meeting (hybrid Council Chambers /dial-in 5:00 PM) | | | |
| May 13, 2025 | Study Session (Hybrid Council Chambers / Dial-in 12:00 p.m.) | South Tacoma Neighborhood Plan | Planning and Development Services | Staff and members of the South Tacoma Neighborhood Plan Steering Group will present the proposed draft of the South Tacoma Neighborhood Plan in anticipation of its adoption by resolution at Council on June 10. The presentation will include a brief program update. |
| | | One Tacoma Comprehensive Plan Update | Planning and Development Services - Stephen Atkinson, Maryam Moeinian, Alyssa Torrez, Public Works Carrie Wihelme | Staff will share the Planning Commission's recommendation on the One Tacoma Comprehensive Plan update. |
| | | Closed Session - Labor Strategy 1:45 p.m. Start Time | Legal | |
| | City Council Meeting (hybrid Council Chambers /dial-in 5:00 PM) | | | |
| May 16, 2025 | SPECIAL Committee of the Whole (hybrid Council Chambers / dial-in 1:00- 4:00 p.m.) | Budget Revenue and Strategy | Office of Management and Budget Reid Bennion | |
| | Joint City Council / Tacoma Utility Board Study Session (Hybrid Council Chambers / Dial-in 12:00 p.m.) | Cushman Adams Update | | |
| | | 2030 Climate Action Plan 2024 Progress and Implementation Update | Center for Strategic Priorities- Sonja Hallum, Kristin Lynett, Tacoma Public Utilities Rochelle Gandour-Rood | Staff will provide an update on the Provide an overview of the 2030 Climate Action Plan 2024 progress and implementation. |
| | City Council Meeting (hybrid Council Chambers /dial-in 5:00 PM) | | | |
| May 27, 2025 | *Cancelled | | | |

| Community Vitality and Safety Committee | | | | |
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| Committee Members (Chair) Rumbaugh, (Vice Chair) Walker, Sadalge, and Scott Alternate: Diaz Executive Liaison: Katie Johnston; Coordinator: D'Angelo Baker | | 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month 4:30pm Zoom and TMB 248 | CBC Assignments • Commission on Disabilities • Commission on Immigrant and Refugee Affairs • Community's Police Advisory Committee • Housing Authority • Human Rights Commission • Human Services Commission • Public Library Board • Tacoma Community Redevelopment Authority | |
| Date | Торіс | Presenter(s) | Description | |
| May 8, 2025 | Tacoma Municipal Code 8.19 and Sheltering Update | Katie Johnston, Neighborhood and Community Services | Staff will provide an update on the implementation of TMC 8.19. Additionally, staff will provide information on the strategy for temproary and emergency sheltering sites given State funding. | |
| May 22, 2025 | CANCELLED | | | |
| June 12, 2025 | Rental Housing Code/Landlord Fairness Code and Landlord Tenant Program Informational Briefing and Comparative Analysis | ChiQuata Elder, Community & Economic Development | Informational briefing that offers an overview of the current state of the respective programs and codes. Staff will also review other jurisdictions rental housing codes/policies and implementation impacts. | |
| June 26, 2025 | Human Rights Commission Interviews | Nicole Emery, City Clerk | Interviews to fill vacancies on the Human Rights Commission. | |

Economic Development Committee

| Committee Members (Chair) Daniels, (Vice Chair) Diaz, Bushnell, Scott Alternate: Rumbaugh; Executive Liaison: Tanja Carter; Coordinator: Anna Le | | Economic Development Committee 2nd, 4th, and 5th Tuesdays of the month 10:00am Zoom and TMB 248 | CBC Assignments • City Events and Recognition Committee • Equity in Contracting Advisory Committee • Convention Center Public Facilities District • Tacoma Arts Commission • Tacoma Creates Advisory Board | |
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| Date | Торіс | Presenter(s) | Description | |
| May 13, 2025 | | | The seventh strategic plan work session will focus on objective 7 of the Economic Development Strategic Plan: Implement Premier Customer Service. | |
| May 27, 2025 | Cancelled | | | |
| June 10, 2025 | City Events and Recognitions Committee Interviews | Nicole Emery, City Clerk | The Committee will conduct interviews to fill six seats on the City Events and Recognitions Committee for terms to begin July 1, 2025. | |
| | | Development Program Manager, Community | The eighth strategic plan work session will focus on objective 8 of the Economic Development Strategic Plan: Choose Tacoma in Which to Live Work, and Explore. | |
| June 24, 2025 | | | | |

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| Committee Members (Chair) Walker, (Vice Chair) Diaz, Hines, and Sadalge Alternate: Bushnell Executive Liaison: Ramiro Chavez; Coordinator: Anna Le | | 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month 4:30pm Zoom and TMB 248 | CBC Assignments Board of Building Appeals Climate and Sustainability Commission Landmarks Preservation Commission Planning Commission Transportation Commission Urban Design Board |
| Date | Торіс | Presenter(s) | Description |
| May 14, 2025 | Decorative Crosswalk Update | Brennan Kidd, Assistant Transportation Division Manager; Natalie Dupille, Artist-in- Residence, Public Works | The Transportation Division of Public Works will deliver an informational presentation detailing the status of the Council-directed effort to design and implement a decorative, Pride-themed, crosswalk at the existing mid-block crossing location on Broadway in between South 9th and South 11th Streets. A brief update will also be included about how the directed efforts are helping adjunct efforts to establish guidelines and parameters for potential requests for other decorative crosswalks or aesthetic treatments of paved spaces within the public right-of-way. |
| May 28, 2025 | Cancelled | | |
| June 11, 2025 | Planning Commission Interviews | Nicole Emery, City Clerk | The Committee will conduct interviews to fill three seats on the Commission fo terms to begin July 1, 2025. |
| | Transportation Impact Fee Update | Josh Diekmann, Transportation Division Manager; Jennifer Kammerzell, Transportation Assistant Division Manager, Public Works; Kendra Breiland, | Public Works Department and Fehr & Peers staff will update the Committee or Transportation Impact Fee program development. Impact fees are one-time fees jurisdictions can use to help pay for the cost of capital improvements that are needed to accommodate new growth. |
| June 25, 2025 | Tacoma Water Integrated Resource Plan 2025 Update | Glen George, Principal Engineer, Tacoma Water | Tacoma Water will update the Committee on the Integrated Resource Plan with the latest information regarding water supply sources and projected demands. This plan will help Tacoma Water ensure that our portfolio of supplies is reliable and resilient to meet our customers' demands with an appropriate level of certainty, and in a cost-effective and environmentally responsible manner. |

| | Government | Performance and Finance Committee | |
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| (Chair) Hines, (Vice Ch | mmittee Members nair) Bushnell, Daniels, and Rumbaugh Alternate: Walker | 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month 10:00am Zoom and TMB 248 | CBC Assignments Audit Advisory Board Board of Ethics Civil Service Board Public Utility Board |
| Date | Topic | Presenter(s) | Description |
| May 6, 2025 | Bonneville Power Administration Contract Negotiations Update | Leah Marquez-Glynn, Assistant Power Section Manager; Rachel Gardner Clark, Integrated Resource Planning Manager | Informational briefing to provide an update on the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) contract negotiations and other issues related to BPA. |
| | Amendments to Subtitle 6B – License Code | Danielle Larson, Tax & License Manager, Finance Deptarment | Staff from Tax & License will present on proposed amendments to Subtitle 6B – License Code to align with updates to the State Licensing Model Ordinance, update regulatory license fees to reflect current cost of review and administration of the license and clean-up of language and code cites for clarity and consistency throughout the licensing chapters. |
| May 20, 2025 | Public Utility Board Interviews | Nicole Emery, City Clerk | Interviews to fill vacancies on the Public Utility Board. |
| | Public Records Policy for The City | Martha Lantz, City Attorney's Office | Informational briefing on policy to instruct and inform the public regarding protocols for requesting public record |
| | Monthly Budget Update | Reid Bennion, Budget Officer, OMB | Staff from OMB will present on topics related to the current biennium budget, revenue collections and expenditures, and other issues related to budgeting. |
| June 3, 2025 | Water IRP | Glen George, Principal Engineer, Tacoma Water | Tacoma Water will update the Committee on the Integrated Resource Plan with the latest information regarding water supply sources and projected demands. This plan will help Tacoma Water ensure that our portfolio of supplies is reliable and resilient to meet our customers' demands with an appropriate level of certainty, and in a cost-effective and environmentally responsible manner. |
| | Multi-Family Tax Exemption (MFTE) | Debbie Bingham, Community & Economic Development (CED) | Staff from CED will present an update on the Multi- Family Tax Exemption Program. |