



## RESOLUTION NO. 39894

1 BY REQUEST OF DEPUTY MAYOR THOMS AND COUNCIL MEMBERS  
2 LONERGAN AND McCARTHY

3 A RESOLUTION creating the Tacoma Permit Advisory Task Force to improve City  
4 of Tacoma policies, codes, and procedures for the issuance of residential  
5 and commercial permits, and directing the City Manager to appoint  
6 members and provide staff support.

7 WHEREAS, Construction is a major economic driver in Tacoma, annually  
8 producing millions of dollars in local income and tax revenue, and hundreds of  
9 jobs, and

10 WHEREAS, an efficient, predictable, safe, and customer-oriented  
11 permitting process is essential to the growth and transformation of our City by  
12 boosting investment and development in our City, and

13 WHEREAS, the City is responsible for regulating and administering the  
14 growth and renewal of its built environment, and having a proficient permitting  
15 regime can truly facilitate and accelerate the revitalization of downtown, the  
16 rejuvenation of the single family home stock, the ascension of multi-family and  
17 residential infill, and the renaissance of commercial development, and

18 WHEREAS, daily, City staff and the development community, including  
19 contractors, engineers, architects, and homeowners, work hand in hand to co-  
20 produce permits which ensure that new structures and places are built safely and  
21 meet the City's planning objectives and aspirations, and

22 WHEREAS, this collaborative effort can be further improved through honest  
23 and relevant dialogue with the permit system's primary users, and  
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WHEREAS, the establishment of a Permit Advisory Task Force will provide constructive feedback to City staff and policy makers for the continual improvement of the City's policies, codes, and procedures for the issuance of residential and commercial permits; Now, Therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TACOMA:

Section 1. That there is hereby established a Tacoma Permit Advisory Task Force which will:

a. Make Permit System Recommendations: Meet monthly with City staff to review, discuss, and provide recommendations to City Manager and City Council for the improvement of City policies, codes, and procedures for the issuance of residential and commercial permits. Review best practices in peer communities. Monitor implementation progress and recommend adjustments.

b. Review City Policies Under Consideration: Review and provide recommendations to the City Manager and City Council regarding proposed City policies and laws which affect the permitting system.

c. Consult on Customer Problems: Consult and advise on customer issues that arise in the permitting process.

d. Establish Guiding Principles: Establish guiding principles to guide policy and best practice recommendations made by task-force.

Section 2. The Tacoma Permit Advisory Task Force will be appointed by the City Manager, and will generally be composed of 12-15 members representative of



1 a broad base of permit applicants who regularly apply to the City for permits. The  
 2 task force will work closely with representatives from Tacoma Public Utilities and  
 3 City staff, including Planning and Development Services, Public Works,  
 4 Environmental Services, and Legal. To the maximum extent practicable, the  
 5 member composition will be proportioned commensurate with the types of  
 6 professionals and permit applicants which interface with the City, including agency  
 7 representatives who represent categories of industries.  
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9 Section 3. The Tacoma Permit Advisory Task Force will operate under  
 10 administrative rules and procedures to be established to ensure that the task force  
 11 conducts its operations in a manner consistent with all other applicable laws,  
 12 regulations and policies.  
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 21 City Clerk

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 24 Deputy City Attorney  
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