



A. Subject of Hearing:

Changes to Tacoma Municipal Code 13.17 regarding the Residential Target Areas and designating additional areas of the City as Residential Target Areas

B. Background:

The City of Tacoma currently has designated the 16 mixed-use centers as Residential Target Areas. Residential target areas are defined as an area that is lacking sufficient, available, desirable, and convenient residential housing to meet the needs of the public per TMC 13.17.

As the City has grown, the need for more housing, specifically affordable housing has grown. Designating additional Residential Target Areas within the City, would allow for the expansion of the use of the 12 and 20 year multifamily property tax exemption in those areas, thereby incentivizing affordable housing.

The Neighborhood Commercial nodes along transit and existing mid-scale residential on corridors, as defined on the attached map, meet the requirements of Residential Target Areas and should be designated as such at this time.

In order to add these additional Residential Target Areas, the Tacoma Municipal Code Chapter 13.17 needs to be amended to include these additional areas.

Public comments regarding the proposed amendment will be heard during a public hearing to occur at approximately 5:15 p.m., on Tuesday, November 30, 2021, as part of a regularly scheduled Tacoma City Council meeting. The meeting can be heard by dialing 253-215-8782 or through Zoom at www.zoom.us/j/84834233126 and entering the meeting ID 848 3423 3126 and passcode 349099, when prompted.

To access the hearing in an alternative format or to request a reasonable accommodation, please contact the City Clerk's Office at 253-591-5505, before 5:00 p.m., on the Monday preceding the City Council meeting. TTY or speech to speech users please dial 711 to connect to Washington Relay Services.

Written comments may also be submitted by email beforehand to the City Clerk's Office at cityclerk@cityoftacoma.org.

For more detailed information on the proposed amendment, contact Debbie Bingham at (253) 591-5117 or dbinghamt@cityoftacoma.org.