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COPY: City Council and City Clerk
SUBJECT: Ordinance to Repeal Code 9.30 – Fourth of July Concessions– October 1, 2019
DATE: September 4, 2019

SUMMARY:

Ordinance is to repeal Tacoma Municipal Code 9.30 - Fourth of July Concessions, which provides regulation of street rights-of-way along or in the vicinity of the shorelines for Tacoma along Ruston Way during the Fourth of July celebration and temporarily allowing the utilization of the public rights-of-way for the sale of certain goods and foods during such event. New Metro Parks Tacoma properties and amenities have recently come on line that will allow Fourth of July celebrations to expand to other areas, which this code unnecessarily limits.

STRATEGIC POLICY PRIORITY:

- Assure outstanding stewardship of the natural and built environment.
- Encourage and promote an efficient and effective government, which is fiscally sustainable and guided by engaged residents.

BACKGROUND:

Tacoma Municipal Code 9.30 was enacted in 1982, without further revision, defining limited areas for Fourth of July programming by a contracted event producer and specifying the uses of revenues collected in the area during the event. City and Metro Park special event permitting processes and street occupancy codes are robust enough to render Code 9.30 obsolete or redundant. Newly opened park spaces are available for event programming.

ISSUE:

Code is obsolete or redundant and does not apply to future Fourth of July celebrations.

ALTERNATIVES:

- Revise the Special Events Permitting Code 11.15 to include a section reflecting regulations associated with Fourth of July celebrations.
- Develop an inter-local agreement with Metro Parks Tacoma to outline uses of public right of way during Fourth of July celebrations.

RECOMMENDATION:

The recommendation of staff is to repeal Code 9.30 by ordinance.

FISCAL IMPACT:

No fiscal impact.