



South Tacoma Groundwater Protection District – Consideration of a Moratorium

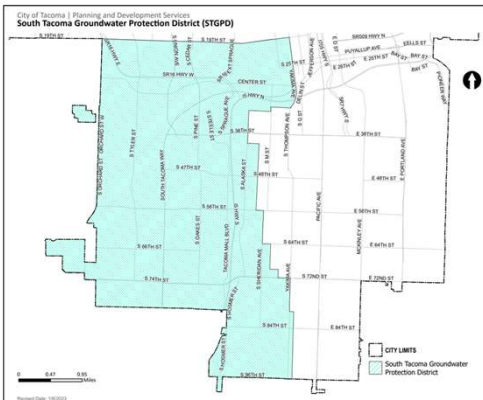
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●●● Groundwater Protection District



- Created in 1988 as an overlay zone in Title 13 of the Tacoma Municipal Code.
- Encompasses the South Tacoma aquifer recharge area.
- Created to protect aquifer drinking water from contamination.
- Applies to businesses/commercial uses.
- Prohibits incompatible land uses.
- Establishes standards for hazardous substance storage, stormwater infiltration, spill prevention, and inspections.
- Subject to periodic review and update.

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Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee Recommendation

- **Uses Temporarily Prohibited:**
 - Underground Storage Tanks
 - Metal recycling/auto wrecking
- **Existing Uses:**
 - Prohibit expansion of existing facilities
 - Allow normal maintenance, repair, replacement activities, and existing operations
 - Allow site and facility improvements to comply with building code, stormwater, and environmental standards
- **Duration of Moratorium:** Up to 1 year
- **Work Plan:** Incorporate into the South Tacoma Groundwater Protection District Code Amendments

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Schedule and Next Steps

2023 Dates (tentative)	Actions
February 2	Informational Meeting
February 7	City Council Public Hearing
February 14	City Council Study Session
February 28	Ordinance (First Reading)
March 7	Ordinance (Final Reading)
Late Winter/ Spring	Update Work Plan for Groundwater District Code Review and Initiate Process

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