



South Tacoma Groundwater Protection District Moratorium Extension

City of Tacoma | Planning and Development Services

City Council Meeting
February 27, 2024
Ordinance No. 28958



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● ● ● Overview



Purpose of the Meeting: First reading of ordinance to consider extending the duration of the moratorium within South Tacoma Groundwater Protection District (STGPD) for an additional six months.

1. Background
2. STGPD Moratorium
3. STGPD Work Plan
3. Schedule and Next Steps

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●●● STGPD Moratorium



What uses will be impacted?

➤ Uses Temporarily Prohibited:

- Underground storage tanks
- Metal recycling/auto wrecking

➤ How it applies to existing facilities:

- 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: The existing moratorium is set to expire on March 20, 2024. The extension will add an additional six months.

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●●● STGPD Work Plan



- High Impact Uses
- Impervious Surface standards
- Tree Canopy and Landscaping Code updates for Industrial Zones and Tacoma Mall Regional Growth Center
- Update Stormwater Infiltration Policy
- Health Impact Assessment

Other related efforts:

- Home in Tacoma: Will recommend tree canopy and landscaping code updates for Low Scale and Mid Scale Residential Areas
- Comprehensive Plan and Critical Areas Updates to protect and preserve open space
- Amendments to limit residential growth along freeways due to air quality impacts

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●●● Tentative Schedule and Next Steps



2024 Dates (tentative)	Actions
January 30	City Council - Resolution to Set a Public Hearing Date
February 13	Study Session - Public Hearing Preparation
February 20	City Council - Public Hearing
February 27	Study Session - Public Hearing Debrief
February 27	City Council - Ordinance (First Reading)
March 5	City Council - Ordinance (Final Reading)
March 20	Current Moratorium Expires

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