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SUBJECT: Tacoma Municipal Code Title 6 Amendments – Entertainment Licenses
DATE: October 16, 2018

PRESENTATION TYPE:

Request for Ordinance

SUMMARY:

Staff is proposing to amend Chapters 6B.70, 6B.80 and 6B.230 in the Tacoma Municipal Code (TMC) related to regulation of entertainment, dancing and show business activities. After a comprehensive review of these chapters and current licensing process, there were areas of inconsistency and areas of improvement identified. Staff is seeking a recommendation to take the proposed amendments to the full council for consideration.

BACKGROUND:

TMC Chapters 6B.70 and 6B.80 – Entertainment/Dancing licenses were last updated in 2009 when a license requirement was added for security staff working at entertainment establishments that included a background check and required attendance at a security training program and a new annual requirement for establishments to submit a written safety plan. TMC Chapter 6B.230 – Temporary Show license has not been updated since 2004 when movie theatres were removed from the requirements of the license.

ISSUE:

Currently TMC 6B.230 requires a Show license for temporary entertainment activities conducted in the City. The type of business activity that falls under TMC 6B.230 is similar to the activity that falls under TMC 6B.70 and 6B.80 Entertainment/Dancing licenses creating duplicative and often confusing application of the requirements. The amendments propose to remove temporary show activity from TMC 6B.230 and incorporate it into TMC 6B.70 and 6B.80.

TMC 6B.70 and 6B.80 Entertainment/Dancing Licenses

- Adding temporary entertainment license
- Updating requirement to file written safety plan upon initial application only with business owner responsible to review the written safety plan yearly and submit changes to the City if applicable
- Extending the Security Personnel license term from one year to two years

TMC 6B.230 – Temporary Events

- Removing temporary show and transient stock license
- Adding vendor exemptions

ALTERNATIVES:

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact.



RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the proposed amendments move to the full council for consideration to incorporate the temporary entertainment license requirements from TMC 6B.230 into TMC Chapters 6B.70 and 6B.80 and clean up inconsistent language and other identified areas of improvement to the licensing process in TMC Chapters 6B.70, 6B.80 and 6B.230.