

ORDINANCE NO. 28600

AN ORDINANCE relating to local sales or use taxes; repealing the local tax authorized under the provisions of Substitute House Bill 1406 for affordable and supportive housing; repealing Section 6A.70.047, "Credit against state's share of tax – sales or use tax for affordable housing – Imposition" and Section 6A.70.048, "Credit against state's share of tax – sales or use tax for affordable housing – Rate," and by repealing amendments to Section 6A.70.120; and declaring an emergency, making necessary the passage of this ordinance effective immediately.

WHEREAS the City recognizes the City and Pierce County lack affordable, high-quality homes for all of its residents, and

WHEREAS nearly 33,000 households in the City currently pay at least 30 percent of their income on housing costs each month, reducing their ability to pay for other necessities, and

WHEREAS, in 2019, Washington State enacted Substitute House
Bill 1406 ("SHB1406"), a revenue sharing program with local governments for
affordable housing which is intended to encourage investments in affordable
and/or supportive housing, and

WHEREAS the City Council passed Ordinance No. 28599, with an effective date of July 30, 2019, so it could take advantage of this retail sales tax sharing program as soon as possible, and

WHEREAS to maximize the amount both the City and Pierce County can collect from the state's share of this retail sales tax authorized under SHB 1406, the City wishes to repeal the proposed Tacoma Municipal Code ("TMC") language in TMC 6A.70, and



WHEREAS repealing Ordinance No. 28599 will allow the City and County to coordinate the effective dates of their respective retail sales or use taxes, and

WHEREAS, due to the urgent response required to help address any questions regarding the City and Pierce County's collection of this tax from the state's share of retail sales or use taxes, staff is recommending that the City Council approve the repeal of the retail sales or use tax though an emergency ordinance to ensure the tax is repealed as soon as possible; Now, Therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF TACOMA:

Section 1. That Ordinance No. 28599 is hereby repealed in full.

Section 2. That, based upon the facts and conclusions as specified herein, an emergency exists, making this ordinance effective upon passage by an affirmative vote of a least six members of the City Council.

Passed	-	
Attest:	Mayor	
City Clerk	-	
Approved as to form:		
Chief Deputy City Attorney	-	