


# Environmental Services Commission (ESC) Overview

City of Tacoma | Environmental Services Department

Government Performance & Finance Committee  
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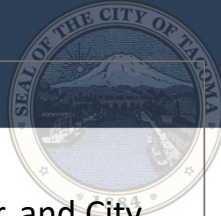
## Environmental Services: Our “Why” Statement

We believe everything we do supports healthy neighborhoods and a thriving Puget Sound, leaving a better Tacoma for all.



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## PURPOSE



- The purpose of the ESC is to review and make recommendations to the City Council, City Manager, and City staff on wastewater, surface water, and solid waste rates, rate structures, services, and policies.
- The ESC believes that a close relationship between the City and its residents is essential in creating fair, responsive, and cost-effective ES Utility rates and programs.

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## MEMBER COMPOSITION

- The ESC consists of 15 members representing a cross-section of Tacoma's residential, business, and regulatory communities.
- There are 13 voting members and two ex-officio non-voting members all appointed by the City Manager, or designee.
- Members serve staggered terms of three years. As terms expire, members may apply to be reappointed. Service is not limited to a specific number of terms.
- Every effort is made to include representation from a wide variety of council districts, cultural, ethnic, gender and socioeconomic backgrounds.

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## MEMBER COMPOSITION (Cont.)

### Members represent the following classes of utility customer and interests:

- **Large Business** (e.g., hospitals, Tacoma Mall, manufacturers);
- **Small Business** (e.g., retail, restaurant, office);
- **Developers** (e.g., residential, commercial general contractor/developer, builders association);
- **Commercial/Business Association** (e.g., Chamber of Commerce, Executive Council);
- **Government Customer/Interests** (two positions) (e.g., Pierce County, Fife, Fircrest, Metro Parks Tacoma, Port of Tacoma, Puyallup Tribe, Tacoma Public Schools);
- **Multi-family Residential** (two positions) (e.g., apartment landlord);
- **Residential** (three positions representing Council Districts);
- **Residential** (At-large position);
- **Sustainable Tacoma Commission Liaison**; and
- **Regulatory Agency/ ex-officio member** (two positions) (e.g. Washington State Department of Ecology, Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department).

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## KEY POINTS: ESC CHARTER

- The Commission reviews, advises, and makes recommendations to City Council, City Manager and City staff regarding changes to the following programs, services, policies, rates or rate structures proposed by Environmental Services:
  - a) Residential and commercial utility programs and services;
  - b) Short-term and long-range planning;
  - c) Environmental Services rates, rate structures and rate assistance programs;
  - d) Capital Investment Program and financing structures; and
  - e) City of Tacoma policies directly related to Environmental Services utility functions.
- Members are expected to consider the full interest of their customer class and report back on ESC discussions, where appropriate.

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