

Public Notification

City of Tacoma | Planning & Development Services

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Definitions



- Mandatory Legal Notifications
- Discretionary Informational Notifications

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Possible Communication Methods:

- · Brochures mailed directly to residents
- Quarterly newsletter articles and announcements
- · Slides at utility bill pay stations throughout Tacoma
- Cart tags educating customers about "contaminant" materials
- · Automated voice messages for resident phones
- Talk shows on TV Tacoma, news magazine segments, public service announcements

- YouTube videos, Facebook, and Twitter
- City website FAQs, steps to recycle, minimize odors and pests
- Ads print and animated online, in local newspapers
- Vehicle Signage
- · Neighborhood Council presentations
- Presentations at non-English speaking forums
- · News releases and news release videos



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Public Education and Outreach Efforts: Every-Other-Week Garbage Collection



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Research and Planning ~ \$246,000 (today's dollar)

- Pilot Program
 - Measure customer acceptance
 - Examined education & awareness options



- Citywide Implementation Campaign Strategy ~ \$186,000
 - Design an overarching positive marketing theme
 - · attract public attention
 - reduce negative feeling
 - Provide engaging, easy to understand instructional materials
 - Utilize various existing and new communication outlets



- Knock and Talks ~ \$440,000 (today's dollar)
 - Costly and labor intensive outreach strategy
 - 16 project staff for 171 days
 - Extensive training required
 - \sim 54,000 single family households



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Recycle Reset Example Cost Summary: Glass Drop-Off Launch Advertising

Date	Type of Communication	Vendor	Reach	Cost
10/30/2019 - 1/22/2020	Social Media Posts	Facebook	17,799	Free
11/6/2019 - 1/17/2020	Online Ad	City Website	281,945	Free
12/9/2019 – 12/2019	TV Ad	Click!	10,500	Free
12/15/2019	Postcard	Internal	58,000	\$3,599.57
12/14/2020 - 1/8/2020	Radio Ad	AudioGo (Pandora)	49,537	\$1,500
12/16/2019-1/5/2020	Radio Ad	KNKX	98,300	\$2,000
12/19/2019 - 12/27/2019	Social Media Posts	Twitter	21,997	Free
12/26/2019	Print Ad	Volcano	40,000	\$250
12/28/2019	Print Ad	The News Tribune	38,762	\$480
12/17/2019-12/29/2019	Online Ad	The News Tribune	658,064	\$720
12/16/2019-1/3/2020	Online Ad	Northwest Military	14,621	Included in print ad
12/30/2020	Social Media Posts	Instagram	714	Free
1/2/2020	Print Ad	Volcano	40,000	\$250
3/29/2021	Postcard	Internal	58,418	\$4,216.83
Totals			1,388,657	\$13,016.40

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PDS Goals



- Development consistent with the community's vision for a growing and thriving Tacoma
- Informing and educating community stakeholders through various and different mediums

Empowering and informing stakeholders

Promoting growth vision

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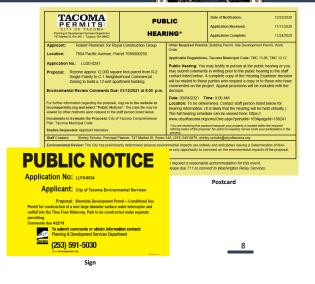


- Director's Rule Project Sign
 - Required for development permits meeting SEPA thresholds and 5+ dwelling units
- Notice of Construction
 - Letter/Flyer for ROW impacts from contractor

Current Planning Code Requirem

Land Use Permit Notices: TMC 13.05.070

- Very prescriptive notice language based on state law
- · Required for any discretionary land use permit, including decision notices
- Public Notice sign posted on site
- Notification distance varies from 100 to 2500+ feet
- Comment periods vary from 14 to 30 days





Enhancements:

- Subscription email to all Land Use Notices weekly distribution
- Mailings are sent to residents (e.g., renters) as well as code-required property owners

Proposed:

 Non-Interim Tideflats regulations include further amendments that will make noticing more flexible (fewer words)

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••• Long Range Planning Procedures

	Project Phases	Community Engagements and Notifications		
Planning	Initiation and Scoping	 Project Initiation Announcement Stakeholders/Community Groups Planning Commission Mailing (1,000+) Websites and Project Updates News Releases, Social Media Public Scoping Hearing (see notifications for Public Hearing below) 		
0	Analysis and Review	 Stakeholders/Community Groups Planning Commission Mailing (1,000+) Websites and Project Updates News Releases, Social Media 		
Review Public Hearing Poscermondation	 Stakeholders/Community Groups Planning Commission Mailing (1,000+) Websites and Project Updates News Releases, Social Media Open Houses/Informational Meetings Notices – Properties within 2,500 ft Notices – State, Tribe, JBLM, Libraries Notices – Tacoma Daily, TNT Signs on site 			
SS	Recommendatio n	 Stakeholders/Community Groups Planning Commission Mailing (1,000+) Websites and Project Updates News Releases, Social Media 		
Council Process	Study Session, Public Hearing and Adoption	(Similar to Planning Commission process)		

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Long Range Planning Case Study

Home In Tacoma Project (2019-2021)

• **Scope**: Develop a new vision for housing growth in Tacoma

• # of Notices: 80,000+

• Cost for Printing/Mailing: \$20,000 (approximately)

• Engagement Strategies and Outreach Efforts:

- · Builds on AHAS efforts
- Housing Choices survey
- · Story Map, Virtual Housing Cafés
- · Informational meeting
- · Interactive housing scenarios map
- · Planning Commission/Housing Equity Taskforce
- Public/stakeholder meetings (50+)



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Airport Compatibility Overlay District (2018-2019)

 Scope: Develop an overlay district corresponding with JBLM Accident Potential Zone II

• # of Notices: 1,700

• # of Signs on Site: 8

• Cost of Notices/Signs: \$3,000 (approximately)

Engagement Strategies and Outreach Efforts:

- · Stakeholders groups
- Collaboration with JBLM, the City of Lakewood, and South Sound Military and Communities Partnership
- · South End and South Tacoma Neighborhood Councils
- Three versions of public hearing notices tailored for distinguished target audiences





Sign Installed on Site

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Notifications Overview



Current Planning

- 13,158 Decision and Notices postcards mailed in 2020
- \$26,500 budgeted for postage/printing/graphics/advertising

Long Range Planning

- 80,000+ Home in Tacoma only
- \$160,000 budgeted for postage/printing/graphics/advertising

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