



Board of Building Appeals

City of Tacoma | Planning and Development Services

City Council Meeting

March 31, 2026

Ordinance No. 29101



BACKGROUND



The Board of Building Appeals

- Appointments through interviews by Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee
- Established to hear appeals to decisions by the Building Official and Fire Code Official (zero appeals have been heard in the last 10 years)
- Provides customers a means to appeal decisions made by the City



CURRENT BOARD



- Difficulty recruiting and maintaining qualified board members
- The seven-member Board currently has two vacancies and three expired appointments



PROPOSED REVISIONS



Tacoma Municipal Code (TMC) Titles 1, 2, and 3 are amended to:

- Repeal TMC 2.17 Board of Building Appeals
- Grant Hearing Examiner authority over appeals
- Establish process for appeals
- Establish authority to charge fees for appeals

*Bellevue, Everett, Kent, and Spokane use a similar system for appeals.



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