



ORDINANCE NO. 29089

1 AN ORDINANCE relating to local business public benefit enhancements;
2 amending Title 1 of the Municipal Code, relating to Administration and
3 Personnel, by adding a new Chapter 1.48 entitled "Business Safety and
4 Resiliency Program", to provide policy direction for program development
5 and allocation of business license revenues to fund this program.

6 WHEREAS the City has adopted an Economic Development Strategic Plan,
7 a 2030 Climate Action Plan, and One Tacoma Comprehensive Plan focused upon
8 eight primary economic objectives, and

9 WHEREAS a Business Safety and Resiliency Program could advance
10 objectives in these plans by, among other things, supporting revitalization of
11 neighborhoods and business districts, activating underutilized locations, helping to
12 retain businesses, helping community members connect with a diverse range of
13 quality jobs, mitigating climate threats, and creating complete neighborhoods with
14 safe and convenient access to goods and services needed in daily life, and

15 WHEREAS the proposed chapter would direct the City Manager to assist the
16 City Council in development of a proposed Business Safety and Resiliency
17 Program that conforms to all applicable legal requirement and can be implemented
18 and funded beginning in the 2027- 2028 biennial budget period, and

19 WHEREAS qualified capital programs would be focused upon enhancing
20 public health safety and creating welcoming spaces for businesses and community
21 members, along with creating physical, social and cultural improvements that help
22 nurture a robust local economy, and
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1 WHEREAS the proposed chapter would also direct the City Manager to
2 include in the preliminary budget proposal for each biennial budget, a proposed
3 appropriation to be considered by the City Council for the Business Safety and
4 Resiliency Program from anticipated revenues to be derived from annual business
5 license fees imposed pursuant to Chapter 6B.20, and
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7 WHEREAS the preliminary budget proposal for year 2027 should allocate up
8 to 1.5 percent of such anticipated business license revenues to the Business Safety
9 and Resiliency Program and for year 2028 should allocate up to 3.0 percent. Future
10 budgets beyond 2027-2028 should aim for a goal of reaching an allocation of up to
11 6 percent per year of anticipated annual business license revenues for this
12 program, and
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14 WHEREAS the City Council finds that it is in the best interest of the public
15 health, safety, and welfare to adopt a new Chapter 1.48 to provide direction to the
16 City Manager for funding this program and to require development of the program
17 requirements; Now, Therefore,
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1 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF TACOMA:

2 Section 1. That Title 1 of the Tacoma Municipal Code, relating to
3 Administration and Personnel, is amended by the addition of a new Chapter 1.48
4 entitled "Business Safety and Resiliency Program" as set forth in Exhibit "A,"
5 attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference.
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7 Section 2. That, if any subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this
8 ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of
9 competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining
10 portions of this chapter, which shall remain in full force and effect.
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12 Section 3. That the City Clerk, in consultation with the City Attorney, is
13 authorized to make necessary corrections to this ordinance, including, but not
14 limited to, the correction of scrivener's/clerical errors, references, ordinance
15 numbering, section/subsection numbers, and any references thereto.
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17 Passed _____

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19 Mayor

20 Attest:

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22 City Clerk
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24 Approved as to form:

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26 City Attorney



EXHIBIT "A"

CHAPTER 1.48 **BUSINESS SAFETY AND RESILIENCY PROGRAM**

Sections:

1.48.010 Purpose and Intent

1.48.020 Program development

1.48.030 Biennial Budget Proposal

1.48.010 Purpose and intent.

The purpose of this Chapter is to establish a Business Safety and Resiliency Program that meets the goals of the City's Community and Economic Development Strategic Plan as updated and adopted by the City from time to time and to establish policy direction regarding allocation of business license revenues within the biennial budget to fund this program. Revenues allocated would be used to support capital projects qualified through this program that meet the City's Community and Economic Development Strategic Plan goals and the purpose of this chapter. Qualified capital programs would be focused upon enhancing public health safety and welfare, as well as emergency response, with the goal of removing blight and activating safe and welcoming spaces for businesses and community members, along with creating physical, social and cultural improvements that help nurture a robust local economy.

1.48.020 Program development.

The City Manager is directed to assist the City Council in development of a proposed Business Safety and Resiliency Program that meets the purpose and intent of this chapter, conforms to all applicable legal requirements, includes a proposed funding plan, and can be implemented and funded beginning in the 2027-2028 biennial budget period. The program should include criteria to qualify for the capital funding allocations and a process for approval of qualified projects and distribution of funds appropriated for the program.

1.48.030 Budget proposal.

The City Manager shall include in the preliminary budget proposal for each biennial budget, a proposed appropriation to be considered by the City Council for the Business Safety and Resiliency Program from anticipated revenues to be derived from annual business license fees imposed pursuant to Chapter 6B.20. The preliminary budget proposal for year 2027 should allocate up to 1.5 percent of such anticipated business license revenues to the Business Safety and Resiliency Program and for year 2028 should allocate up to 3.0 percent of such anticipated business license revenues to the Business Safety and Resiliency Program. Future budgets beyond 2027-2028 should aim for a goal of reaching an allocation of up to 6 percent of anticipated annual business license revenues for this program.

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