

CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING

February 11, 2025

SUBJECT OF THE PUBLIC HEARING:

The subject of the public hearing is a potential 6-month extension of an existing moratorium on the consideration and creation of new local historic district special review overlay zones (“local historic districts”), which was established on April 23, 2024 and is set to expire on May 5, 2025. If extended, the new expiration date would be October 5, 2025.

What is a moratorium? A moratorium is a temporary pause on permits for specific uses or land use actions that would otherwise be allowed within Tacoma’s city limits.

What uses would be affected? The existing moratorium temporarily prohibits the establishment of new local historic districts in Tacoma. It does not affect existing local historic districts, nor does it prevent the creation of new National Register Historic Districts, a process that is administered by the State of Washington. The designation of individual Tacoma City Landmarks to the Tacoma Register of Historic Places is not affected by this proposal.

Where would the moratorium apply? The existing moratorium applies citywide.

How would the moratorium apply to existing uses? The existing moratorium does not affect existing local historic districts.

How long would the moratorium be in effect? The existing moratorium will expire on May 5, 2025. This proposal would extend the moratorium for 6 months.

How would the moratorium be resolved? The City of Tacoma has initiated a review of the policies and regulations concerning the review and creation of local historic districts within the scope of the 2024-25 Comprehensive Plan Annual Amendment and Regulatory Code Update.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

For additional background on the proposal, visit www.cityoftacoma.org/historicmoratorium

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