



ORDINANCE NO. 28135

1 AN ORDINANCE creating an Alcohol Impact Area within the West End of the City
2 of Tacoma, and requiring a report to the City Council by August 31, 2013,
3 regarding voluntary efforts to reduce chronic public inebriation.

4 WHEREAS the Washington Administrative Code ("WAC") § 314-12-215
5 provides that, as a condition precedent to the City requesting that the Washington
6 State Liquor Control Board enact additional restrictions on off-premises alcohol
7 sales within an area of the City adversely affected by chronic public inebriation or
8 illegal activity associated with alcohol sales or consumption, an ordinance must
9 designate such an area as an Alcohol Impact Area ("AIA"), and

10 WHEREAS the Tacoma-Pierce County Board of Health has declared, by
11 resolution, that chronic public inebriation is a public health problem of the highest
12 order, and

13 WHEREAS, in December 2001, the Washington State Liquor Control Board
14 approved an AIA in the downtown area of Tacoma and in July 2008, approved an
15 AIA in the Lincoln District of Tacoma, and

16 WHEREAS citizens and neighborhood groups have raised concerns that the
17 problems associated with chronic public inebriation have been increasing in the
18 West End and have affected the health, safety, and welfare of residents of the
19 West End, and

20 WHEREAS statistics from the Tacoma Fire Department and the Tacoma
21 Police Department show an increasing incidence of problems associated with
22 chronic public inebriation in the proposed area, and
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WHEREAS neighborhood groups in the affected area are in support of the establishment of an AIA in the West End, including the West End Neighborhood Council, North End Neighborhood Council, Central Neighborhood Council, Old Town Business District, 6th Avenue Business District, University of Puget Sound, Tacoma Public Schools (19 schools in the proposed area), Allenmore Ridge Condominium Association, Pierce Transit, West End Puget Sound Kiwanis Club, Bellarmine Preparatory School, St. Charles Borromeo Catholic School, Tacoma Community College, and Tacoma Metro Parks (23 parks in the proposed area), and

WHEREAS the City has adopted the Housing First model as part of its comprehensive strategy to reduce chronic public inebriation, which aims to eliminate homeless encampments and house chronically homeless individuals and provide case management services to homeless individuals, including those with alcohol problems, and that encampments in and adjacent to the West End were part of this effort, and

WHEREAS, in August 2004, the City, Pierce County, Metropolitan Development Council, Franciscan Health System, and MultiCare Health System created the Sobering Center of Tacoma to provide alternative care for chronic public inebriants as part of the City's comprehensive strategy to reduce chronic public inebriation, and

WHEREAS an important element in the plan to reduce chronic public inebriation is to restrict the availability of alcohol sold to chronic public inebriates in



1 areas where such sales threaten the health, safety, and welfare of the public and
2 that of the chronic public inebriates; Now, Therefore,

3 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF TACOMA:

4 Section 1. West End Alcohol Impact Area.

5 A. The geographical area in the City of Tacoma described below is
6 declared to be an Alcohol Impact Area ("AIA") as defined by WAC § 314-12-215:

7 That area bounded on the west and north by the waters of Puget
8 Sound and Commencement Bay; on the east by a line running due
9 south from Commencement Bay to the intersection of Schuster
10 Parkway and North 30th Street, then west on North 30th Street to
11 North Alder Street, then South on Alder Street to the Cedar Street
12 transition and continuing south to SR 16, then west along the south
13 side of SR 16 to South 19th Street, then west on South 19th Street
14 to the waters of Puget Sound, including all properties that are south
15 of South 19th Street and within the City limits.

16 B. By August 31, 2013, the Chief of Police, on behalf of the organizations
17 listed above, shall provide a report to the City Council on the voluntary efforts to
18 address chronic public inebriation issues in the West End AIA. This report shall
19 include relevant crime statistics, police reports, emergency response data,
20 detoxification reports, sanitation reports, public health records, and other
21 information that document the success or failure of the voluntary efforts to address
22 chronic public inebriation in the West End AIA. Based upon the information
23 contained in the report, the City Council may consider the adoption of legislation
24 directing the Chief of Police to request the State Liquor Control Board to impose
25 further restrictions on liquor licensees, pursuant to WAC § 314-12-215, in the West
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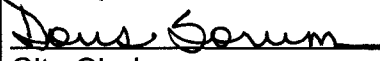


1 End AIA. Such legislation must be adopted by the City Council before any
2 representative of the City requests the State Liquor Control Board to impose such
3 restrictions.
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5 Passed FEB 26 2013
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8 Mayor

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11 City Clerk

12 Approved as to form and legality:

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14 Deputy City Attorney
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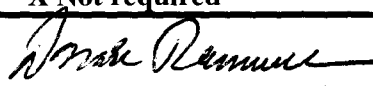

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1. DATE: January 22, 2013

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2. SPONSORED BY: COUNCIL MEMBER(S) NA

3a. REQUESTING DEPARTMENT/DIVISION/PROGRAM Police Department	4a. CONTACT (for questions): Lt Daniel Still	PHONE: 591-2373
3b. "DO PASS" FROM <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes Neighborhood & Housing <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> To Committee as information only <input type="checkbox"/> Did not go before a Committee	4b. Person Presenting: Lt Daniel Still	PHONE: X2373
3c. DID THIS ITEM GO BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY BOARD? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, on <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not required	4c. ATTORNEY: Jon Walker	PHONE: 5908
 Department Director/Utility Division	Budget Officer/Finance Director	 City Manager/Director Utilities

5. REQUESTED COUNCIL DATE: February 19, 2012

6. SUMMARY AGENDA TITLE: (A concise sentence, as it will appear on the Council agenda.)

Creating an Alcohol Impact Area within the West End of Tacoma, and requiring a report from the Chief of Police to the City Council in six months, regarding voluntary efforts to reduce chronic public inebriation.

7. BACKGROUND INFORMATION/GENERAL DISCUSSION: (Why is this request necessary? Are there legal requirements? What are the viable alternatives? Who has been involved in the process?)

State law allows the Washington State Liquor Control Board to recognize a geographic area within a city as an "Alcohol Impact Area" (AIA). The City must adopt an ordinance stating an area has experienced significant problems due to the presence of chronic public inebriation or illegal activity associated with alcohol sales or consumption. The City must attempt to control the problem through voluntary efforts with the liquor licensees in the alcohol impact area for at least six months. If those efforts are unsuccessful, then the City may request that the Liquor Control Board establish an AIA and restrict retailers in the AIA from selling certain types of alcohol products or alcohol product containers, or restrict the hours that these retailers can sell alcohol to go.

Several neighborhood groups have requested an AIA be established. Statistics from the Fire and Police Departments indicate that problems associated with public inebriation have been increasing in the West End of Tacoma in recent years.

8. LIST ALL MATERIAL AVAILABLE AS BACKUP INFORMATION FOR THE REQUEST AND INDICATE WHERE FILED:

Source Documents/Backup Material

Location of Document

REQUEST (CONT)

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9. WHICH OF THE CITY'S STRATEGIC GOALS DOES THIS ITEM SUPPORT? (CHECK THE GOAL THAT BEST APPLIES)

- A. ☒ A SAFE, CLEAN AND ATTRACTIVE COMMUNITY
- B. ☐ A DIVERSE, PRODUCTIVE AND SUSTAINABLE ECONOMY
- C. ☐ A HIGH-PERFORMING, OPEN AND ENGAGED GOVERNMENT

10. SUSTAINABILITY: IN WHAT WAYS HAVE YOU CONSIDERED THE CITY'S SUSTAINABILITY PRIORITIES?

Environment: How does this decision impact regional and local ecological well-being?

This would have long term Health, Safety and less Litter sustainability for the West End of the City

Equity: How does this decision promote meeting basic needs and equitable access to opportunities for all city residents?

This would apply the equal standards that are in the Downtown Urban Core AIA and the Lincoln AIA.

Culture: How does this decision impact cultural (arts, innovation, heritage, and recreation) and quality of life for all citizens?

This would impact and reduce Chronic Public Inebriation in the West End of the City.

Economy: How does this decision impact the local economy? What are the significant financial costs/benefits?

It is expected no businesses will closed and sales will improve which is based on the results realized after implementing the Downtown Urban Core AIA and the Lincoln AIA.

11. IF THIS CONTRACT IS FOR AN AMOUNT OF \$200,000 OR LESS, EXPLAIN WHY IT NEEDS LEGISLATIVE APPROVAL:

The Washington Administrative Code ("WAC") § 314-12-215 provides that, as a condition precedent to the City requesting that the Washington State Liquor Control Board enact additional restrictions on off-premises alcohol sales within an area of the City adversely affected by chronic public inebriation or illegal activity associated with alcohol sales or consumption, an ordinance must designate such an area as an Alcohol Impact Area ("AIA")

12. FINANCIAL IMPACT: ☐ EXPENDITURE ☐ REVENUE

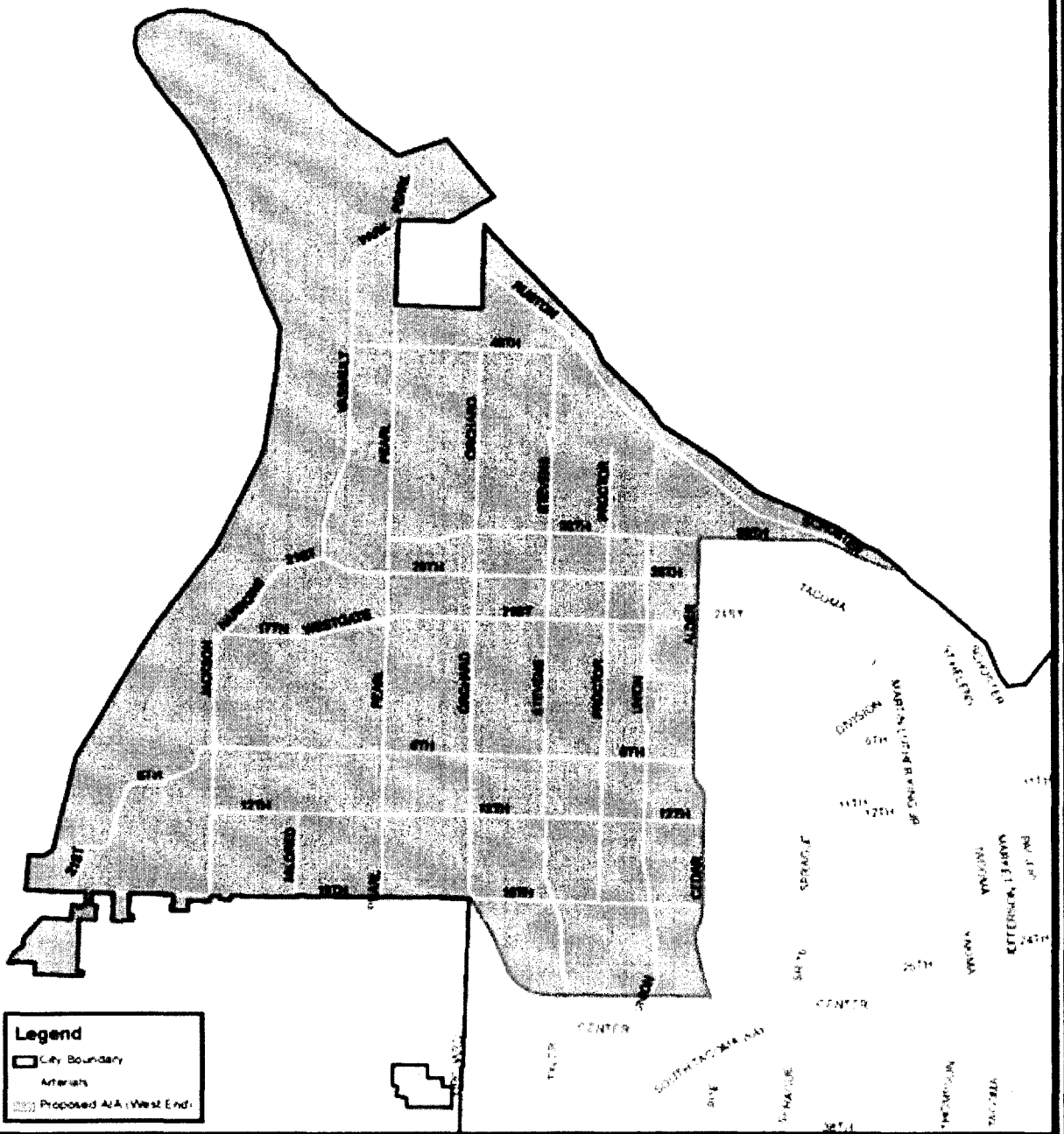
- A. ☒ NO IMPACT (NO FISCAL NOTE)
- B. ☐ YES, OVER \$100,000, Fiscal Note Attached
- C. ☐ YES, UNDER \$100,000, (NO FISCAL NOTE)
- Provide funding source information below:

FUNDING SOURCE: (Enter amount of funding from each source)

Fund Number & Name:	State \$	City	Other \$	Total Amount
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If an expenditure, is it budgeted? ☐ Yes ☐ No Where? Cost Center:
Acct #:

Alcohol Impact Areas (Actual/Proposed)



Legend

- City Boundary
- Arterials
- Proposed AIA (West End)



**Tacoma Police Department
Crime Analysis Unit**

This drawing is neither a legally recorded map nor a survey, and is not intended to be used as such. It is to be used for reference purposes only.

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First Reading of Ordinance: FEB 19 2013

Final Reading of Ordinance: ~~FEB 26 2013~~

Passed: FEB 26 2013

Roll Call Vote:

MEMBERS	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Mr. Boe	✓			
Mr. Campbell	✓			
Mr. Ibsen	✓			
Mr. Lonergan		✓		
Mr. Mello	✓			
Mr. Thoms	✓			
Ms. Walker	✓			
Ms. Woodards	✓			
Mayor Strickland	✓			

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