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Review and Adoption Process

Citizen's Guide to Navigating the Park Code Review Process

Staff from the City of Tacoma and Metro Parks Tacoma recommend updates to the Tacoma Municipal Code, Title 8, Public Safety, pertaining to the Park Code, to respond to current and emerging issues that impact patrons of the park system in Tacoma.

The Tacoma City Council is responsible for enacting and amending City laws, and because the Park Code pertains to parks within the City limits of Tacoma, the City Council will consider the adoption of the proposed changes after a review process occurs. The review includes, but is not limited to, the meetings listed below.

Opportunities to Observe and/or Provide Testimony

August 22, 2019 - 4:30 pm



City of Tacoma City Council- Community Vitality and Safety Committee Regular Meeting

Tacoma Municipal Building North, Room #16

733 Market Street, Tacoma, WA 98402

[City of Tacoma Community Vitality and Safety Committee](#)

(<https://www.cityoftacoma.org/cms/One.aspx?portalId=169&pageId=87368>)- The CVS Committee, in part, reviews proposed ordinances and resolutions referred to them and make recommendations regarding their adoption to the City Council. The CVS Committee has specific functions to assist in the review of policies, plans and provide a linkage between the City Council and other City departments and other bodies responsible for implementation of



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Council policies and plans. It's important to note that Standing Committees, like the CVS, do not have the power or authority to commit the City or take any binding action on behalf of the whole Council.

The CVS Committee will consider the proposed Park Code revisions and make a recommendation on forwarding them to the City Council, pending further public comment and the Metro Parks Board considering the revisions at their September 9th, 2019 meeting.

[Agenda information is posted here \(https://cityoftacoma.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx\)](https://cityoftacoma.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx). The public is welcome to attend, **public testimony will be taken**.

August 26, 2019 - 6 pm



Metro Parks Tacoma Board Meeting

Eastside Community Center

1721 E. 56TH Street, Tacoma, WA 98404

The [Park Board \(https://www.metroparkstacoma.org/about-metro-parks/park-board/\)](https://www.metroparkstacoma.org/about-metro-parks/park-board/) will convene in a regular meeting. While the Board will **NOT** be taking up the Park Code matter at this meeting, the public may address the Board on any topic during the Public Comment portion of the Board's agenda.

[Agenda information is posted here \(https://www.metroparkstacoma.org/about-metro-parks/park-board/\)](https://www.metroparkstacoma.org/about-metro-parks/park-board/). The public is welcome to attend and is invited to provide testimony associated with the proposed revisions and/or any other matter they wish.

September 9, 2019 - 6 pm



Metro Parks Tacoma Board Meeting

Metro Parks Tacoma Headquarters

4702 19th Street, Tacoma, WA 98405

The [Park Board \(https://www.metroparkstacoma.org/about-metro-parks/park-board/\)](https://www.metroparkstacoma.org/about-metro-parks/park-board/) will consider the proposed Park Code revisions, invite public testimony and determine whether to recommend the changes be forwarded on to the Tacoma City Council for their review and subsequent adoption.



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September 10, 2019 - 5 pm



Tacoma City Council Regular Meeting- Citizen's Forum

**Tacoma Municipal Building Council Chambers- First Floor
747 Market Street, Tacoma, WA 98402**

On the second Tuesday of each month, near the conclusion of the City Council meeting, time is reserved for a "Citizen's Forum". The purpose of this forum is to assist the Council in making policy decisions. Items of discussion are limited to matters over which the City Council has jurisdiction- like Park Code revisions. Arguments are not to be made in support of, or opposition to, any matter on this week's agenda, however this time may be used to address the City Council on matters associated with their upcoming review and consideration of the proposed revisions to Title 8- Public Safety- Park Code. Please note that the City Council will **NOT** be taking up the Park Code matter at this meeting.

Agenda information is posted here (<https://cityoftacoma.legistar.com/DepartmentDetail.aspx?ID=22566&GUID=F23EE68E-8E57-4BEC-8601-B969C461E3B3&R=8b32d8c2-d42b-4f41-a78b-413ef88fee15>). The public is welcome to attend and invited to provide testimony during the Public Comment portion of the Council's agenda. For guidelines and procedures for appearing before the City Council, please familiarize yourself with these guidelines and procedures (<https://www.cityoftacoma.org/cms/One.aspx?portalId=169&pageId=27770>).

September 24, 2019 - 5 pm



Tacoma City Council Regular Meeting

**Tacoma Municipal Building Council Chambers- First Floor
747 Market Street, Tacoma, WA 98402**

Upon receiving a recommendation from the Park Board, the Tacoma City Council (<https://www.cityoftacoma.org/cms/One.aspx?portalId=169&pageId=10945>) will conduct a "first reading" of a proposed ordinance reflecting the recommended revisions to Title 8.37- Park Code. Changes to Tacoma's Municipal Code (<https://www.cityoftacoma.org/cms/one.aspx?pageId=2255>) require a "first and second reading" by the Council. The "first reading" is a reading of the brief synopsis of the title of the ordinance and is conducted during a council



meeting before the meeting at which the ordinance will be voted on. Pending Council deliberation, the proposed ordinance will be moved to a “second reading” at its next regularly scheduled Council meeting- October 1, 2019.

[Agenda information is posted here \(https://cityoftacoma.legistar.com/DepartmentDetail.aspx?ID=22566&GUID=F23EE68E-8E57-4BEC-8601-B969C461E3B3&R=8b32d8c2-d42b-4f41-a78b-413ef88fee15\)](https://cityoftacoma.legistar.com/DepartmentDetail.aspx?ID=22566&GUID=F23EE68E-8E57-4BEC-8601-B969C461E3B3&R=8b32d8c2-d42b-4f41-a78b-413ef88fee15). The public is welcome to attend and invited to provide testimony during the Public Comment portion of the Council’s agenda. For guidelines and procedures for appearing before the City Council, please familiarize yourself with these [guidelines and procedures \(https://www.cityoftacoma.org/cms/One.aspx?portalId=169&pageId=27770\)](https://www.cityoftacoma.org/cms/One.aspx?portalId=169&pageId=27770).

October 1, 2019 – 5 pm



Tacoma City Council Regular Meeting

**Tacoma Municipal Building Council Chambers- First Floor
747 Market Street, Tacoma, WA 98402**

The Tacoma City Council will conduct a “second reading” of the proposed ordinance and pending any Council deliberation, will consider formal adoption of the ordinance. Upon adoption, the revised Park Code becomes effective 10 days from October 1- thus the new park rules would be in effect on Friday, October 11.

[Agenda information is posted here \(https://cityoftacoma.legistar.com/DepartmentDetail.aspx?ID=22566&GUID=F23EE68E-8E57-4BEC-8601-B969C461E3B3&R=8b32d8c2-d42b-4f41-a78b-413ef88fee15\)](https://cityoftacoma.legistar.com/DepartmentDetail.aspx?ID=22566&GUID=F23EE68E-8E57-4BEC-8601-B969C461E3B3&R=8b32d8c2-d42b-4f41-a78b-413ef88fee15). The public is welcome to attend and invited to provide testimony during the Public Comment portion of the Council’s agenda. For guidelines and procedures for appearing before the City Council, please familiarize yourself with these [guidelines and procedures \(https://www.cityoftacoma.org/cms/One.aspx?portalId=169&pageId=27770\)](https://www.cityoftacoma.org/cms/One.aspx?portalId=169&pageId=27770).

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