



RESOLUTION NO. 38376

1 A RESOLUTION relating to the update of the Shoreline Master Program;
2 authorizing the adoption of the Cumulative Impacts Analysis, in order to
3 fulfill the requirements of Washington Administrative Code 173-26-201 by
4 evaluating the potential cumulative impacts of reasonably foreseeable
5 shoreline development on ecological functions.

6 WHEREAS, pursuant to the Growth Management Act, the Planning
7 Commission ("Commission") has recommended changes to the Comprehensive
8 Plan ("Plan") and the Land Use Regulatory Code ("Code") to complete the update
9 of the Shoreline Master Program, and

10 WHEREAS the Shoreline Management Act of 1971 ("SMA") requires local
11 Shoreline Master Programs be updated to: (1) give priority to uses that require a
12 shoreline location; (2) promote public access and enjoyment opportunities; and
13 (3) protect the environmental resources of state shorelines, and

14 WHEREAS the 2003 Department of Ecology ("DOE") guidelines, codified in
15 Chapter 173-26 of the Washington Administrative Code ("WAC"), include
16 substantive, procedural, and process requirements to be followed by local
17 jurisdictions in their comprehensive update to a shoreline master program, and
18 require the update to be based on scientific and technical information to assure no
19 net loss of shoreline ecological functions, and

20 WHEREAS the SMA was amended to establish a timeline for local
21 jurisdictions to adopt updated Shoreline Master Programs consistent with DOE
22 guidelines, and the adoption deadline for the City is December 1, 2011, and

23 WHEREAS the City's update includes the development of the Cumulative
24 Impacts Analysis, one of five supporting studies or implementation documents to
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1 be adopted under separate legislative actions of the City Council, as required by
2 DOE guidelines, as part of the adoption of the update to the Shoreline Master
3 Program as a whole, and

4 WHEREAS the Commission held a public hearing on June 1, 2011 on a
5 draft Shoreline Master Program and on associated draft supporting documents,
6 including a draft Cumulative Impacts Analysis, and

7 WHEREAS 41 citizens spoke at the public hearing and 52 written
8 comments were submitted by the close of the comment period on June 10,
9 2011, and after review of said testimony and comments, the Commission made
10 modifications to the draft Cumulative Impacts Analysis, and

11 WHEREAS the Cumulative Impacts Analysis was developed under the
12 direction of the Commission, and analyzes the City's ability to avoid a net loss of
13 ecological functions, given reasonably foreseeable shoreline development and the
14 City's baseline ecological conditions, and

15 WHEREAS the Cumulative Impacts Analysis is based on the most
16 current, accurate, and complete scientific and technical information available,
17 as required by Chapter 173-26 WAC, and, in association with the adoption of
18 the proposed Tacoma Shoreline Master Program ("TSMP"), observes the goals
19 of the SMA, and

20 WHEREAS the Shoreline Inventory and Characterization Report
21 describes past and ongoing uses along Tacoma's shorelines that have led to
22 degraded shoreline functions, and
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1 WHEREAS updates to shoreline environment designations, use
2 regulations and development standards, and implementation of the Shoreline
3 Restoration Plan provide substantially improved protection of shoreline
4 functions, and

5 WHEREAS, in concert with implementation of restoration actions in the
6 City and other on-going state and federal programs, the regulatory provisions of
7 the proposed TSMP would serve to maintain the overall condition of shoreline
8 resources in the City and in certain circumstances improve the overall
9 condition, and

10 WHEREAS the Cumulative Impacts Analysis concludes that cumulative
11 actions taken over time in accordance with the City's proposed TSMP are not
12 likely to result in a net loss of shoreline ecological functions from existing
13 baseline conditions, and

14 WHEREAS the Commission has recommended changes to the Plan and
15 Code on August 17, 2011, and has conveyed the same to the City Council, in
16 the form of the proposed TSMP, which will rescind and replace in its entirety
17 the City's existing Master Program for Shoreline Development, and

18 WHEREAS, on September 27, 2011, the City Council held a public hearing
19 to receive public comments on the Commission's proposed TSMP; Now,
20 Therefore,

21 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF TACOMA:**

22 Section 1. That the proper officers of the City are hereby authorized to
23 adopt, in association with the adoption of the Tacoma Shoreline Master Program,
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the Cumulative Impacts Analysis, said document to be substantially in the form of the proposed supporting study on file in the office of the City Clerk.

Section 2. That the proper officers of the City are hereby authorized to submit the Cumulative Impacts Analysis to the State of Washington Department of Ecology by December 1, 2011.

Passed NOV 29 2011

Mark Stubb
Mayor

Attest:

Louis Seum
City Clerk

Approved as to form:

JAC
Deputy City Attorney

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