

Tacoma Pierce County Coalition to End Homelessness  
Show Up and Speak Out  
Feb. 14 - Feb. 21, 2020

**STATE**

Bills must clear their House of Origin by **5pm February 19, 2020**

Follow the Washington Low Income Housing Alliance Alerts -

Contact ALL Pierce County Legislators - ask them to support Homelessness and Housing bills including Tenant Protections.

**Legislative Hotline: 1.800.562.6000**

**PIERCE COUNTY**

**Feb. 18** 9:30 a.m. Pierce County Human Services Committee, Pierce County Council Chambers, 930 S. Tacoma Ave., Room 1035, Tacoma, WA 98402

**Proposed Ordinance No. 2020-24 - This is the 1/10th of One Percent**

**Title:** An Ordinance of the Pierce County Council Amending Chapter 2.51 of the Pierce County Code, "Chemical Dependency Advisory Board," to Replace the Chemical Dependency Advisory Board with the Newly Created Behavioral Health Coordinating Commission; Amending Chapter 4.28 of the Pierce County Code, "Sales and Use Tax"; Amending Section 4.48.020 of the Pierce County Code, "Special Revenue Funds"; Authorizing the Levy and Collection of an Additional Sales and Use Tax of One-Tenth of One Percent for Behavioral Health and Therapeutic Courts; Providing for Allocation and Use of Taxes Received; Making Declarations and Findings Related to Behavioral Health Disorders and Establishing County Goals and Priorities; Providing for Administration of Taxes Collected; Prescribing Violations and Penalties; Directing Tax Collection to Begin at the Earliest Date Consistent with Revised Code of Washington 82.14.055; and Adopting a Planning Framework for the Behavioral Health Coordinating Commission. (Sales and Use Tax for Behavioral

To learn more about and follow Pierce County Council's efforts, visit their [One-tenth of 1% for Behavioral Health website](#)

**CITY OF TACOMA**

**Maureen's Policy Recommendations:**

1. No one should be unsheltered in the City of Tacoma.
2. Tacoma should have a Response to Homelessness Plan equal to the Affordable Housing Action Strategy with equal investments in its implementation.
3. Tacoma should have a Safe Shelter Task Force or Table where the best ideas are constantly available to policy makers and to staff.

**Feb. 18 from 10:30 - noon** at Mason United Methodist Church, 2710 N. Madison St. **MDC's Convening Process** - even if you can't participate in person, you can participate virtually - email your comments to [impact@mdc-hope.org](mailto:impact@mdc-hope.org)

*Please visit the [Temporary Shelter page](#) for notes from the previous public meetings on this topic, as well as background documents related to this effort.*

Maureen's note: take a look at Gerrit's This Week Snapshot under Background Information - just scroll down.

**Feb. 19 at 5:30pm in the City Council Chambers**, 747 Market. The Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on **At Home in Tacoma on** You can also provide written comments by Feb. 28, email comments to [planning@cityoftacoma.org](mailto:planning@cityoftacoma.org) and request updates from the same email. For additional information, go to [www.cityoftacoma.org/planningforhousing](http://www.cityoftacoma.org/planningforhousing). You do not have to be a housing policy wonk to add value to these meetings. Common sense goes a very long way in practical, viable, reasonable, equitable solutions. If the Planning Commission doesn't hear from you, they don't know what you want.

### **From the Tacoma Pierce County Health Department on the 1/10 of 1% Tax**

We care deeply about people in our community struggling with despair and mental health challenges. To contribute to this robust community conversation, we have developed a [Pierce County mental health fact sheet](#) as well as [Addressing mental health and substance use disorder in Pierce County](#)—an overview of strategies communities have used.

A coordinated and comprehensive behavioral health system can improve lives and strengthen our community.

Below are some local resources on the topic.

On [www.tpchd.org/behavioralhealth](http://www.tpchd.org/behavioralhealth):

- [Pierce County mental health fact sheet](#) – Local data on mental health and substance use disorder in Pierce County.
- [Addressing mental health and substance use disorder in Pierce County](#) – Examples of how communities are addressing this issue through policy, prevention, and intervention.
- [Youth Behavioral Health Infographic](#) – What's on the minds of Pierce County youth.

On [www.tpchd.org/CHIP](http://www.tpchd.org/CHIP):

- [Community Health Assessment](#) – 2019 assessment of key health issues in Pierce County.
- Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) [Pierce County priorities](#) – Top five priorities for action identified following the community health assessment.

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