A. Background
Chapter 9.08 of the Tacoma Municipal Code regulates development in the City's right-of-way. This chapter has not had a comprehensive update since 1977. Rules related to insurance have changed and the application of TMC 9.08.060 has created barriers to reasonable residential development adjacent/near to developed right-of-way.

TMC 9.08.060 currently states in part "The Director of Public Works may require the applicant to file with the Department of Public Works, prior to effective date of such permit, a certified copy, together with evidence of premium payment, of a comprehensive general insurance policy in a form approved by the City of Tacoma, issued by a company duly authorized to do business in the State of Washington". The Director of Planning & Development Services wishes to use the discretion provided to limit the requirement for insurance as it related to right-of-way occupancies adjacent to residential (single family and duplex) properties.

B. Indemnity to save the City harmless from claims
1. Persons requesting a Street Occupancy Permit for occupancies adjacent to single family and duplex properties, shall provide proof of homeowner's liability insurance of a limit not less than $500,000.00.
2. The requirement to name the City of Tacoma as an additional insured is waived.
3. All other sections of TMC 9.08 remain in effect.

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1 By memo dated January 28, 2017, the Director of Public Works delegated signature and management authority of TMC 9.08 to the Director of Planning and Development Services.