Position Description Form (PDF)



Human Resources Department

Tips for completing this form:

- Open this form in the desktop app and not the browser.
- All fields with * are required.
- Hover over the cell headings for "screen tips" to provide clarifying information (not all cells have tips).
- Click into the first field (content control) in each section and use the "tab" key to go through fields in that section.
- In sections with inset tables, you can use the tab key to add additional rows.
- You can find job code and job title information by clicking here.
- Do not use acronyms, spell out titles, teams, programs, projects, etc.
- Completed PDFs must be uploaded to a requisition or if you are only updating the PDF, please send to classcomp@cityoftacoma.org.

Section A: General Job & Position Information				
*1. Date form submitted	*2. Action Type	*3. Requisition Number		
10/10/2025	Update to PDF Enter information here.			
*4. Position Number	*5. Is the Position Filled or Vacant?			
50002200	Vacant (interim CM is in 50153754)			
*6. Current Job Code	*7. Current Classification Title			
M0010	City Manager			
*8. Proposed Job Code	*9. Proposed Classification Title			
Enter information here.	Enter information here.			
*10. Department/Division	11. Working Title			
City Manager's Office	City Manager			
*12. Current Employee's Number	*13. Current Employee's Name			
n/a	Enter information here.			
*14. Supervisor's Position Number	*15. Supervisor's Title	*16. Supervisor's Name		
Enter information here.	Mayor and City Council	Mayor and City Council		

Section B: Position Objective

*17. Summarize, <u>in a few sentences</u>, the focus of this position. Consider what the position is required to accomplish, the scope of impact, responsibilities, and how the position supports/contributes to the mission of the organization

The City Manager (CM) is the Chief Executive Officer of the City of Tacoma, the third largest City in Washington State. The CM is responsible for directing the operations of departments within General Government including administrative departments that supply services to TPU (Finance, Purchasing, IT, Legal and Human Resources). The CM assists with development and ensures compliance with policies established by the City Council within limits of the City Charter and State and federal laws. The CM oversees citywide staff of more than 4,000 and a biennial citywide budget of approximately \$4.7 billion. This position is appointed by and reports to the Mayor and eight City Council Members, and is the sole employee of the Tacoma City Council.

Section C: Key & Other Work Activities

*18. List in rank order of importance the key work activities of the position. Include the approximate percentage of time spent performing each activity. Consider the steps it takes to perform an essential duty; answer the questions: "what is done?", "how is it done?" and "why is it done?". Work activities that are performed less than 5% of the time do not need to be included. Do not copy language directly from the class spec, instead provide specific actions, procedures, materials, tools, etc. and the overall purpose of what the activity achieves.

Rank	Description of Key Activity	% of Time
1	Directs and oversees the planning, design and development of policies and	30
1	projects/programs for the organization. Executes the policy and strategic direction set	30
	by the City Council by leading and managing the City of Tacoma's staff, departments,	
	and operations. Focuses on delivering efficient, equitable, and effective services,	
	programs, and projects that meet the needs of the community. Partners with the	
	Utility Director to strengthen collaboration between general government and TPU.	
	Provides leadership to align operations and strategies across the organization (general	
	government and TPU) by guiding citywide administrative functions including Finance,	
	IT, Purchasing, Legal and Human Resources.	
2	Develops and presents the City's biennial budget for City Council consideration and	20
	ensures the effective stewardship of City funds. Conducts comprehensive reviews and	
	analyses of budget plans and reappropriation recommendations. Determines the most	
	efficient and strategic use of financial resources to support the delivery of core	
	services, programs, and special projects. Identifies and advances funding requests	
	requiring Council policy direction or budget action and recommends budget	
	adjustments or expenditure reductions as necessary.	
3	Engages regularly with the Mayor and City Council to support effective communication,	20
	policy development, and constituent service. Attends Council meetings and individual	
	meetings with the Mayor and Council Members. Develops agendas and provides	
	recommendations that align with Council's policy direction and priorities. Collaborates	
	with Council to determine appropriate resolutions to issues and concerns raised by	
	constituents and ensures that such matters are appropriately addressed or assigned to	
	staff for timely follow-up.	
4	Reviews and discusses citywide personnel issues, ethics and conduct complaints,	10
	personnel policies, and professional development. Discusses labor relations and	
	negotiations. Reviews qualifications for hiring decisions and when to terminate an	
	employee.	
5	Manages and directs subordinates; schedules work deliverables and ensures quality	10
	control; conducts performance evaluations, coordinates training; and leads the	
	implementation of hiring and discipline/termination procedures.	
6	Meets with constituents, business owners/developers and community/civic groups and	10
	attends events to promote community partnership. Determines engagement strategy	
	and content for assigning staff to follow-up as needed or determines what services and	
	programs could be developed or expanded to meet needs. Determines best ways to improve and increase civic engagement and transparency.	
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^{*}To add additional rows right click on the bottom row and select "insert row above". You will have to copy and paste the fields to add the content controls to the new row(s).

Section D: Scope of Work

- *19. Explain the position's policy impact (policy development and implementation policy).
- Responsible for carrying out the policy and strategic direction of the City Council through leadership and management of City of Tacoma's staff, line and operating departments and functions (including some that provide services to TPU).
- *20. Explain the major decision-making responsibilities and whom these decisions are presented to.

 Makes interpretive decisions on behalf of the organization regarding the means for executing the goals established by the City Council, subject to constraints imposed by available technology and resources.
- *21. Explain the budgetary responsibility and/or influence/impact this position has.
- Manages and directs the department financial activities including budget development and procurement; monitors and administers budgets, revenues and expenditures from multiple sources and for multiple activities.

*22. List the required minimum education and examples of degree types if applicable. A bachelor's degree in public or business administration, or a directly related field.								
*23. List the required minimum years and type of experience necessary.								
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Twelve (12) years of increasingly responsible experience directly related to the planning, coordination, and/or management of a public-sector organization. Relevant education and experience may substitute for one another on a year-for-year basis.								
*24. List the special requirements, licenses, certificates or other necessary conditions.								
None								
25. List any desirable qualif								
		nization (preferably a municipality;						
		s; budget preparation and manager						
1	communications skills; interpersonal skills; principles and practices of administration; supervision and training; applicable laws, codes, regulations; administering city operations; presenting ideas and concepts persuasively in speaking before groups; analyzing							
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Section F: Work as a Lead	•							
and/or reviewing work assi		onsibility for training, assigning,	organizing, sche	eduling work				
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□ Ies □ No								
*27 Supervisor Work - Do	es the nosition have direct ren	orts and the authority to recom	mend hiring of	staff				
1		ing and counseling, evaluating e	_					
	nmending disciplinary action?	-						
⊠ Yes □ No	,							
*28. If yes is selected above	e, how many full-time equivale	ent (FTE) employees is this posit	ion responsible	for?				
10-12 City Directors								
1 Policy Analyst Sr								
1 Executive Assistant								
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Section E: Minimum Qualifications (Education, Experiences, Licenses, Certifications, etc.)

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Section G: Attesta	ation & Signature			
By signing this I am verifying that the job duties as defined in this document are an accurate reflection of the work to be performed. The person performing the work assigned to this position meets the qualifications of the classification prior to assignment.				
30. Date Signed Select Date	31. Division or Section Manager Name Enter information here.	32. Division or Section Manager E- Signature		