



SOUTH SOUND MILITARY & COMMUNITIES PARTNERSHIP

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Pierce County

Letter to the Editor,

Steering Committee:

City of DuPont
City of Tacoma
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City of Yelm

Members of the South Sound Military & Communities Partnership (SSMCP) understand that on November 21, 2017, the Tacoma City Council will consider the Final Reading of Ordinance 28470 to adopt Tideflats Interim Regulations. The SSMCP is a partnership positioned to provide regional leadership to bridge military and civilian communities. Our regional partnership consists of 53 organizations and local jurisdictions from across the South Puget Sound.

Thurston County

SSMCP supports the recent decision of the city council of Tacoma to amend Tideflats Interim Regulations that would have restricted fuel storage and delivery such as the delivery of fuel resources to Joint Base Lewis-McChord (JBLM). An inability to access adequate fuel supplies would adversely impact JBLM's mission readiness and have a detrimental impact on our national security. Military installations must be able to surge military capability during times of national crisis.

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Washington State Military Department

Working Group Chairs:

Clover Park School District

Contingency crises necessitate greater reliance on the civilian infrastructure to support military missions. If the crisis occurs in Northeast Asia JBLM would be the main power projection platform for deployments to Asia-Pacific. USAF operations at JBLM rely on the fuel pipeline and storage tanks at the port to sustain global airlift missions.

Pierce Transit

Any limitations on fuel storage capacity and delivery capability would quickly become a national security issue.

Puget Sound Energy

South Puget Sound Community College

Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department

Tacoma-Pierce County Chamber of Commerce

Thurston Regional Planning Council

Sincerely,

United Way-Pierce County

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