

CITY OF LAKE STEVENS
Lake Steven Washington

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-14

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR, THE WASHINGTON STATE LEGISLATURE, AND STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL TO ASSIST IN PROVIDING CLARIFICATION OF NEW LAW ENFORCEMENT STANDARDS AND REQUIREMENTS

WHEREAS, the Washington State Legislature passed numerous police reform bills in the last legislative session; and

WHEREAS, several of these bills, to wit Engrossed Substitute House Bill 1054, Engrossed Second Substitute House Bill 1310, and Engrossed Second Substitute Senate Bill 5051, contain ambiguities in how various new standards and requirements are to be interpreted and implemented by local law enforcement; and

WHEREAS, these ambiguities have created confusion among local law enforcement agencies regarding how to provide public safety services expected by their respective communities and to recruit new officers necessary to provide such services; and

WHEREAS, legislative action to eliminate these ambiguities and/or a timely Attorney General's Opinion providing guidance on the interpretation and implementation of these new requirements would enhance the ability of local law enforcement to provide essential public safety services.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKE STEVENS AS FOLLOWS:

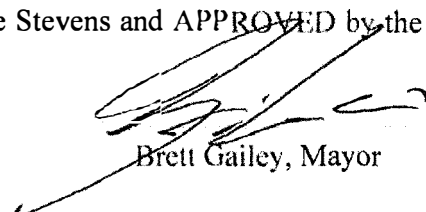
Section 1. The Governor should call a special session of the legislature to address problems and clarify ambiguities in the recently passed police reform bills.

Section 2. Our state legislative delegation should make the same request of the Governor.

Section 3. The State Attorney General should issue a formal Attorney General's Opinion providing guidance on the interpretation of these police reform bills and to develop and issue model policies for implementing this legislation, all as expeditiously as possible.

Section 4. City administration should communicate this resolution with these urgent requests to our Governor, our state legislators, and the State Attorney General.

PASSED by the City Council of the City of Lake Stevens and APPROVED by the Mayor this 28th day of September 2021.



Brett Gailey, Mayor

ATTEST



Kelly Cheln, City Clerk