

CLERK FILE No.

304460

Initiative Measure No. 55, declaring
"Freedom To Peaceably Assemble Day"
and occasional mayoral dunking.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE

Honorable President

The

to which was referred this file, respectfully reports that the same was considered, and the

Date Filed with Clerk

April 13, 2000

Received by

Judith E. Poppe

City Clerk Staff

ACTION OF THE COUNCIL

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Office of the City Clerk

Judith E. Pippin
City Clerk

October 30, 2001

Mr. Ben Livingston
Citizens for A Better Community
P.O. Box 95227
Seattle, WA 98145

RE: PROPOSED INITIATIVE NO. 55

Dear Mr. Livingston:

October 16, 2001 was the deadline for petition submission on proposed Initiative 55, "Freedom to Peaceably Assemble Day." No petitions were received for this Initiative, therefore this file has been closed.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me at (206) 684-8361.

Very Truly Yours,


Judith E. Pippin
City Clerk

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April 19, 2001

CERTIFIED MAIL

Mr. Ben Livingston
Citizens For A Better Community
P.O. Box 95227
Seattle, WA 98145

RE: PROPOSED INITIATIVE NO. 55

Dear Mr. Livingston:

I have approved proposed Initiative No. 55 as to form, as shown on the attached copy. The ballot title for the petition has been prepared to read as follows:

"The City of Seattle Initiative Measure Number 55 concerns celebrating "Freedom to Peaceably Assemble Day" each November 30.

The measure would declare "Freedom to Peaceably Assemble Day." Pine Street between Fourth and Fifth Avenues would be closed most of the day for a celebration at which groups could spread their messages and other activities could occur. The City would set up a dunk tank in which the Mayor would be required to sit. Other City officials could choose to be dunked. The City could request donations and sell merchandise to cover costs and benefit charity.

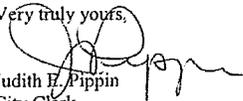
Should this measure be enacted into law?

Yes.....
No.....

The initiative process is defined in Article IV Section 1 of the City Charter, Seattle Municipal Code Section 2.08, and Washington State Code (RCW) 29.27.050. You have received copies of these reference materials; if you need additional copies, please let me know.

The signed petitions for Initiative 55 must be filed with the City Clerk no later than 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 16, 2001. If at least 18,830 signatures on petitions for Initiative 55 have been filed on or before that date, they will then be transmitted to King County Elections Department for signature verification. A total of at least 18,830 valid Seattle resident registered voter signatures will be required to validate the initiative before transmittal to the City Council.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have questions. I can be reached at 684-8361.

Very truly yours,

Judith E. Pippin
City Clerk

cc: Mayor Paul Schell
City Councilmembers
Carol Van Noy, Executive Director, Ethics and Elections
Diana Gale, Director, Seattle Public Utilities
Ray Hoffman, Mayor's Office

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April 19, 2001

Ms. Julie Anne Kempf, Acting Superintendent of Elections
Records and Elections Division
Department of Information and Administrative Services
King County Administration Building, Room 553
Seattle, WA 98104

RE: PROPOSED INITIATIVE NO. 55

Dear Ms. Kempf:

This is to inform you that a proposed initiative, Initiative No. 55, has been filed with the Seattle City Clerk. The initiative proposes establishing a "Freedom To Peaceably Assemble Day." The proposed initiative was filed on April 12, 2001 at 9:23 a.m.

The City's Law Department, pursuant to Article IV, Section 1 of the City Charter, Seattle Municipal Code Section 2.08, and RCW 29.27.060, has approved the following ballot title:

"The City of Seattle Initiative Measure Number 55 proposes celebrating "Freedom to Peaceably Assemble Day" each November 30.

The measure would declare "Freedom to Peaceably Assemble Day," Pine Street between Fourth and Fifth Avenues would be closed most of the day for a celebration at which groups could spread their messages and other activities could occur. The City would set up a dunk tank in which the Mayor would be required to sit. Other City officials could choose to be dunked. The City could request donations and sell merchandise to cover costs and benefit charity.

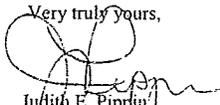
Should this measure be enacted into law?

Yes.....
No.....

The initiative's proponents have been informed that they must submit 18,830 valid signatures to this office by October 16, 2001, for subsequent submittal to your office for verification.

If you have any questions or if you need additional information, please do not hesitate to call me at 684-8361.

Very truly yours,


Judith E. Pippin
City Clerk

cc: Carol Van Noy, Executive Director, Seattle Office of Ethics and Elections
Bob Bruce, Manager, King County Records and Elections Division

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April 18, 2001

CITY CLERK

Via e-mail and hand delivery

Judith Pippin
Seattle City Clerk
City of Seattle
Municipal Building, First Floor
600 Fourth Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104

Re: Initiative Measure Number 55 (Clerk's File 304660)

Dear Ms. Pippin:

In response to your memorandum of April 13, 2001 concerning proposed Initiative Measure Number 55, Clerk's File ~~304660~~³⁰⁴⁴⁶⁰, this office has established the following ballot title:

The City of Seattle Initiative Measure No. 55 concerns celebrating "Freedom to Peaceably Assemble Day" each November 30.

The measure would declare "Freedom to Peaceably Assemble Day." Pine Street between Fourth and Fifth Avenues would be closed most of the day for a celebration at which groups could spread their messages and other activities could occur. The City would set up a dunk tank in which the Mayor would be required to sit. Other City officials could choose to be dunked. The City could request donations and sell merchandise to cover costs and benefit charity.

Should this measure be enacted into law?

Yes.....

No.....

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Judith Pippin
April 18, 2001
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With this letter we are returning to you Clerk's File 304660. If you have any questions, please contact me at (206) 615-0788.

Very truly yours,

MARK H. SIDRAN
Seattle City Attorney


Ted Inkley
Assistant City Attorney
Municipal Law Section

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**Legislative Department
Office of City Clerk
Memorandum**

Date: April 13, 2001
To: The Honorable Mark Sidran
City Attorney
From: Judith E. Pippin, City Clerk *J. Pippin*
Subject: Proposed Initiative Petition - Initiative No. 55

I am forwarding with this memo Clerk File No. 304460, which contains Initiative 55, a proposed initiative petition related to the declaration of November 30 as "Freedom to Peaceably Assemble Day" and mayoral dunking.

The proposed initiative was filed with the City Clerk's Office on April 12, 2001 at 9:23 a.m., and is submitted pursuant to Article IV, Section 1B of the City Charter, and Seattle Municipal Code 2.08. The initiative is sponsored by Citizens for a Better Community and the Occasional Mayoral Dunking.

The title of the Clerk File is:

"Initiative Measure No. 55, declaring "Freedom to Peaceably Assemble Day" and mayoral dunking."

The submitter has proposed the same ballot title as was approved for his January submittal of Initiative 54. I have enclosed a courtesy copy of Initiative 54 for your reference.

This file is transmitted to you for preparation of a ballot title for Initiative 55.

Cc: Mayor Paul Schell
City Councilmembers
Carol Van Noy, Executive Director, Ethics and Elections Commission
Darryl Grigsby, Director, Department of Transportation

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Seattle, WA 98145

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April 12, 2001

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Judith Phippen, Seattle City Clerk
600 4th Avenue Rm. 104
Seattle, WA 98104

Dear Judith,

This is our transmittal letter to go along with our re-filing of Initiative 54.

The major change in this initiative is the addition of the oh-so-important severability clause. There are a few non-major changes, including the wording of the bullet points in section 5 and the subhead on the front.

We used the ballot title from Initiative 54, as we expect them to be very similar, if not exactly the same. As per usual, we'll await final word from you as to what this sentence should read.

This initiative would declare November 30 "Freedom to Peaceably Assemble Day" and on that day, require the City to block off Pine Street between 4th and 5th for the purpose of a celebration and require the Mayor to spend time in a dunk tank at that celebration.

The main contact for this campaign is Ben Livingston, PO Box 95227, Seattle, WA 98145. His voicemail number is (206) 405-5866. His email address is ben@dunkthemayor.org. The web site is <http://dunkthemayor.org/>.

Sincerely,



Ben Livingston

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Citizens for a Better Community and the Occasional Mayor Dunking
PO Box 95227, Seattle, WA 98145 - <http://dunkthemayor.org>

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DUNK THE MAYOR!

a seattle citizen's initiative. step right up. sign it. dunk.

Initiative petition for submission to the Seattle City Council. Flip this bad mamma jamma over for complete text of the initiative. Check out <http://dunkthemayor.org> for more funny, funny information about this serious, serious initiative.

Return signed petitions to:
Citizens for a Better Community and the Occasional Mayoral Dunking
PO Box 95227
Seattle, WA 98145

To the City Council of the City of Seattle.

We, the undersigned registered voters of The City of Seattle, State of Washington, propose and ask for the enactment as an ordinance of the measure known as Initiative Measure Number XX entitled: "The City of Seattle Initiative Measure Number XX concerns celebrating 'Freedom to Peaceably Assemble Day' each November 30. The measure would declare 'Freedom to Peaceably Assemble Day,' Pine Street between Fourth and Fifth Avenues would be closed most of the day for a celebration at which groups could spread their messages and other activities could occur. The City would set up a dunk tank in which the Mayor would be required to sit. Other City officials could choose to be dunked. The City could request donations and sell merchandise to cover costs and benefit charity. Should this measure be enacted into law?", a full, true and correct copy of which is included herein, and we petition the Council to enact said measure as an ordinance; and, if not enacted within forty-five (45) days from the time of receipt thereof by the City Council, then to be submitted to the qualified electors of The City of Seattle for approval or rejection at the next regular election or at a special election in accordance with Article IV, Section 1 of the City Charter; and each of us for himself or herself says: I have personally signed this petition; I am a registered voter of The City of Seattle, State of Washington, and my residence address is correctly stated.

ONLY SEATTLE RESIDENTS CAN SIGN. YES, FREMONT THIS INCLUDES YOU.

	Signature	Printed Name	Street Address	ZIP Code	Date
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WARNING

Ordinance 942891 provides as follows:
Section 1. It is unlawful for any person:
1. To sign or decline to sign any petition for a City initiative, referendum, or Charter amendment, in exchange for any consideration or gratuity or promise thereof; or
2. To give or offer any consideration or gratuity to anyone to induce him or her to sign or not to sign a petition for a City initiative, referendum, or Charter amendment; or
3. To interfere with or attempt to interfere with the right of any voter to sign or not to sign a petition for a City initiative, referendum, or Charter amendment by threat, intimidation or any other corrupt means or practice; or
4. To sign a petition for a City initiative, referendum, or Charter amendment with any other than his or her true name, or to knowingly sign more than one (1) petition for the same initiative, referendum or Charter amendment measure, or to sign any such petition knowing that he or she is not a registered voter of The City of Seattle.
The provisions of this ordinance shall be printed as a warning on every petition for a City initiative, referendum, or Charter amendment.
Section 2. Any person violating any of the provisions of this ordinance shall upon conviction thereof be punishable by a fine of not more than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500) or by imprisonment in the City Jail for a period not to exceed six (6) months, or by both such fine and imprisonment.



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Complete Text of Initiative Measure Number XX

An ordinance to declare November 30 "Freedom to Peaceably Assemble Day" in the City of Seattle and on that day to block off Pine Street between 4th and 5th for the purpose of a celebration and requiring the Mayor to spend time in a dunk tank at that celebration.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF SEATTLE AS FOLLOWS:

1. FREEDOM TO PEACEABLY ASSEMBLE DAY! November 30 is hereby declared "Freedom to Peaceably Assemble Day" in the City of Seattle.

2. CELEBRATE GOOD TIMES, COME ON! On Freedom to Peaceably Assemble Day, the City shall block off Pine Street between 4th Avenue and 5th Avenue for the purpose of a celebration. This shall be done not later than 9 a.m. and shall remain at least through the remainder of the day. Vehicles may not park on Pine Street between 4th Avenue and 5th Avenue, nor may they park on Westlake Park.

3. COMMIES, PREACHERS AND VEGANS, OH MY! At the Freedom to Peaceably Assemble Day event, activist, religious, nonprofit, and other groups may set up tables to spread their message. Other allowable acts include, but are not limited to:

- a. Political breakdancing;
- b. Organizing laid-off Kozmo.com workers;
- c. Bok choy theater;
- d. Presidential pardon fundraising;
- e. Pin the light rail on the valley;
- f. Taking the communists seriously;
- g. Wedgewood pride;
- h. Telling smart-alecky college kids just how bad things used to be.

4. DUNK THE MAYOR! At the Freedom to Peaceably Assemble Day event, the City shall set up a dunk tank in which the Mayor shall sit for no less than thirty (30) combined minutes between the hours of 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Other City officials may, at their choosing, sit in the dunk tank as well.

5. WHAT ABOUT STAN? If Stan Lippmann is not a City official by Freedom to Peaceably Assemble Day, the City should consider allowing him to sit in the dunk tank as well.

6. DUNK TANKS ARE CASH COWS! The City may ask for, but not require, a donation for the pleasure of dunking City officials. The City may also sell "I dunked the Mayor" merchandise. The proceeds from this may be used to pay the costs incurred by the City for the Freedom to Peaceably Assemble Day event. Any money collected beyond those costs shall be donated to Northwest Harvest or a similar 501(c)(3) group.

7. WE AIN'T DUMB! If any provision of this ordinance or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected.

This petition sponsored by:
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