

RESOLUTION No. 30891

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*Peter Steinbrueck*

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11 annually print one hundred bound books with "substantial covers" containing the text of  
12 ordinances that were published in the newspaper that year ("Compilations"), and to make  
13 them available to the public at no cost; and

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15 WHEREAS, in 1993 the City Clerk became aware that large numbers of those one hundred  
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17 unnecessary use of valuable storage space and City funds for printing; and

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25 and complete records of the same information in electronic databases accessible via the  
26 Internet; and

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28 WHEREAS, an electronic equivalent of the "Compilation" is now provided, which allows easy  
access to the same information as was contained in the printed "Compilation"; NOW  
THEREFORE,

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEATTLE AS  
FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. Subject to the approval of a proposition by a majority of the qualified  
electors casting votes thereon, Subsection 13.B of Article IV of the Charter of the City of Seattle  
is amended as follows:

**ARTICLE IV. Legislative Department.**



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**Section 13.A. RECORD AND PUBLICATION OF ORDINANCES AND**

**RESOLUTIONS:** All ordinances and resolutions shall be deposited with the City Clerk, who shall record the same. Notice of all ordinances of a general, public or permanent nature, and those imposing a fine, penalty or forfeiture, shall be published in accordance with state law within three days after the same shall have become a law; Provided, that the publication of notice of all ordinances granting any franchise or private privilege or approving or vacating any plat shall be at the expense of the applicant therefor.

B. ~~((Annually in January of each year at the expense of the City, the))~~ The City Clerk shall maintain a compilation of ~~((compile))~~ all ordinances enacted ~~((in the preceding))~~ each year, such compilation to be accessible to the public at no cost. ~~((which are required to be published as set out in the preceding paragraph herein, and he or she shall also cause copies of same to be printed, indexed and bound in books with substantial covers. There shall be provided a sufficient number of such books for all elected City officials and department heads, and at least one hundred copies shall be made available for general distribution at cost to the general public.))~~

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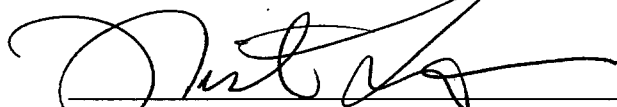
Section 2. The King County Director of Records and Elections, as ex officio supervisor of elections, is hereby requested to call a special election and is directed to submit the charter amendment proposed herein to the qualified electors of the City at the election on November 7, 2006.



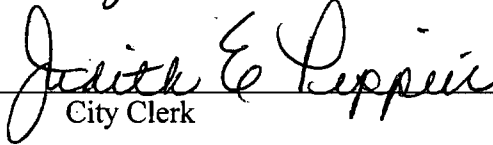
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Section 3. The City Clerk shall certify to the Director of the Department of Records and Elections of King County as Supervisor of Elections the charter amendment proposed herein in the form of a ballot title prepared by the City Attorney pursuant to RCW 29A.36.071, and shall certify a copy of the proposed Charter amendment, and the same shall be published by the City Clerk in accordance with state law.

Adopted by the City Council the 31<sup>st</sup> day of July, 2006, and signed by me in open session in authentication of its adoption this 31<sup>st</sup> day of July, 2006.

  
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President \_\_\_\_\_ of the City Council

Filed by me this 1 day of August, 2006.

  
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City Clerk

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**FISCAL NOTE FOR NON-CAPITAL PROJECTS**

<b>Department:</b>	<b>Contact Person/Phone:</b>	<b>DOF Analyst/Phone:</b>
Legislative	Martha Lester / 4-8149	NA

**Legislation Title:**

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• **Summary of the Legislation:**

This resolution would submit a proposition to Seattle voters to amend the City Charter to change the manner of compiling passed ordinances for public access.

• **Background:** *(Include brief description of the purpose and context of legislation and include record of previous legislation and funding history, if applicable):*

The Seattle City Charter currently directs the City Clerk to annually print one hundred bound books with "substantial covers" containing the text of ordinances that were published in the newspaper that year ("Compilations"), and to make them available to the public at no cost. In 1993 the City Clerk became aware that large numbers of those one hundred "Compilations" produced each year were undistributed, resulting in wasted paper, and unnecessary use of valuable storage space and City funds for printing. The City Clerk conducted surveys from 1994 to 2000 of previous recipients of the "Compilations" to determine whether they actually wanted and/or used the "Compilation" they received each year and determined that there was virtually no interest in receiving the "Compilation." In addition, in 1996 the City Clerk's Office began to realize great success providing accurate and complete records of the same information in electronic databases accessible via the Internet. An electronic equivalent of the "Compilation" is now provided, which allows easy access to the same information as was contained in the printed "Compilation." Therefore, the Council proposes this Charter amendment to change the manner of compiling passed ordinances for public access.

• *Please check one of the following:*

**This legislation does not have any financial implications.** *(Stop here and delete the remainder of this document prior to saving and printing.)*



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**STATE OF WASHINGTON – KING COUNTY**

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CITY OF SEATTLE, CLERKS OFFICE

No.

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The undersigned, on oath states that he is an authorized representative of The Daily Journal of Commerce, a daily newspaper, which newspaper is a legal newspaper of general circulation and it is now and has been for more than six months prior to the date of publication hereinafter referred to, published in the English language continuously as a daily newspaper in Seattle, King County, Washington, and it is now and during all of said time was printed in an office maintained at the aforesaid place of publication of this newspaper. The Daily Journal of Commerce was on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of June, 1941, approved as a legal newspaper by the Superior Court of King County.

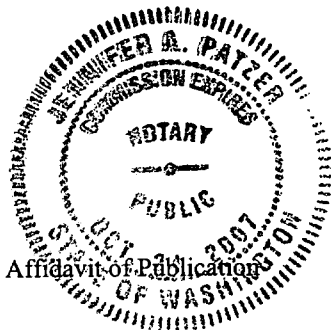
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Subscribed and sworn to before me on

08/03/06

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Notary public for the State of Washington,  
residing in Seattle

State of Washington, King County

City of Seattle

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Nick Licata

President of the City Council

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(Seal) Judith Pippin

City Clerk

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