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CITY OF SEATTLE
RESOLUTION 31550

A RESOLUTION supporting Washington State Initiative 594 (I-594) and expressing the support of the Mayor and the Seattle City Council requiring a mandatory background check for all firearm sales and transfers in the State of Washington by closing the loopholes in the existing state criminal background check system that allows convicted felons, domestic abusers, and the seriously mentally ill to purchase firearms from strangers online and at gun shows with no questions asked.

WHEREAS, current law in Washington State does not require unlicensed sellers of firearms to conduct a background check, allowing criminals and dangerous individuals to still obtain firearms online and at gun shows in Washington State; and

WHEREAS, criminal background checks reduce access to guns for convicted felons, domestic abusers and people with serious mental illnesses and since its inception in 1993, the gun background check system has blocked 2.2 million gun sales to prohibited people; and

WHEREAS, in states that require background checks on all guns sales, 38% fewer women are shot to death by their partners and 39% fewer police officers are shot to death with handguns; and

WHEREAS, in the City of Seattle, the average number of reported gunshots fired per year in 2012 and 2013 was 233, and findings from the National Institute of Justice — the research, development and evaluation agency of the U.S. Department of Justice, concluded gunshots go dramatically underreported in communities throughout the country with only 23 percent of gunshot incidents reported; and

WHEREAS, the General Offense Reports filed by the Seattle Police Department from January 1, 2014 to August 31, 2014, a total of 615 incidents out of 71,850 involved a gun; and

WHEREAS, in the City of Seattle, 3,700 guns were recovered by the Seattle Police Department, including 2272 recovered by the patrol unit from the beginning of 2010 to August 31, 2014; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and the Seattle City Council believes Initiative 594 strikes a balance between respecting individuals' Second Amendment rights and ensuring the current background check loophole is closed in order to aid in the reduction of criminals and other dangerous people obtaining firearms in the City of Seattle and Washington State; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and the Seattle City Council endorses policies that keep guns out of dangerous hands while respecting the rights of responsible gun owners, and strongly believes Washington State should take action to close the loophole in the laws of Washington State; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEATTLE, THE MAYOR CONCURRING, THAT:

Section 1. The Mayor and City Council support Initiative 594 (I-594) and applying currently used criminal and public safety background checks by licensed dealers to all firearm sales and transfers, including gun show and online sales, with specific exceptions.

Section 2. The passage of Initiative 594 will help make sure all individuals and gun sales in Washington State pass the same background check, no matter where they purchase the gun and whom they buy it from.

Section 3. The Mayor and City Council hereby urges voters to vote "yes" on Initiative 594 at the November 4, 2014 general election.

Adopted by the City Council the ____ day of _____, 2014, and signed by me in open session in authentication of its adoption this_____ day of _____, 2014.

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President _____of the City Council

THE MAYOR CONCURRING:

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Edward B. Murray, Mayor

Filed by me this ____ day of _____, 2014.

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Monica Martinez Simmons, City Clerk

(Seal)

Form revised: February 26, 2014

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Legislation Title:
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Summary of the Legislation:
The resolution states the City Council and Mayor's support for mandatory background check for all firearm sales and transfers in the State of Washington.

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

Please check one of the following:

_X_ **This legislation does not have any financial implications.**
(Please skip to "Other Implications" section at the end of the document and answer questions a-h. Earlier sections that are left blank should be deleted. Please delete the instructions provided in parentheses at the end of each question.)

___ **This legislation has financial implications.**
(If the legislation has direct fiscal impacts (e.g., appropriations, revenue, positions), fill out the relevant sections below. If the financial implications are indirect or longer-term, describe them in narrative in the "Other Implications" Section. Please delete the instructions provided in parentheses at the end of each title and question.)

Appropriations:
(This table should reflect appropriations that are a direct result of this legislation. In the event that the project/programs associated with this ordinance had, or will have, appropriations in other legislation please provide details in the Appropriation Notes section below. If the appropriation is not supported by revenue/reimbursements, please confirm that there is available fund balance to cover this appropriation in the note section.)

Fund Name and Number	Department	Budget Control Level*	2014 Appropriation	2015 Anticipated Appropriation
TOTAL				

**See budget book to obtain the appropriate Budget Control Level for your department.*

Appropriations Notes:

Anticipated Revenue/Reimbursement Resulting from this Legislation:

(This table should reflect revenues/reimbursements that are a direct result of this legislation. In the event that the issues/projects associated with this ordinance/resolution have revenues or reimbursements that were, or will be, received because of previous or future legislation or budget actions, please provide details in the Notes section below the table.)

Fund Name and Number	Department	Revenue Source	2014 Revenue	2015 Revenue
TOTAL				

Revenue/Reimbursement Notes:

Total Regular Positions Created, Modified, or Abrogated through this Legislation, Including FTE Impact:

(This table should only reflect the actual number of positions affected by this legislation. In the event that positions have been, or will be, created as a result of other legislation, please provide details in the Notes section below the table.)

Position Title and Department	Position # for Existing Positions	Fund Name & #	PT/FT	2014 Positions	2014 FTE	2015 Positions*	2015 FTE*
TOTAL							

** 2015 positions and FTE are total 2015 position changes resulting from this legislation, not incremental changes. Therefore, under 2015, please be sure to include any continuing positions from 2014.*

Position Notes:

Do positions sunset in the future?

(If yes, identify sunset date)

Spending/Cash Flow:

(This table should be completed only in those cases where part or all of the funds authorized by this legislation will be spent in a different year than when they were appropriated (e.g., as in the case of certain grants and capital projects). Details surrounding spending that will occur in future years should be provided in the Notes section below the table.)

Fund Name & #	Department	Budget Control Level*	2014 Expenditures	2015 Anticipated Expenditures

TOTAL				

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Spending/Cash Flow Notes:

Other Implications:

a) **Does the legislation have indirect financial implications, or long-term implications?**
(If yes, explain them here.)

b) **What is the financial cost of not implementing the legislation?**
(Estimate the costs to the City of not implementing the legislation, including estimated costs to maintain or expand an existing facility or the cost avoidance due to replacement of an existing facility, potential conflicts with regulatory requirements, or other potential costs.)

c) **Does this legislation affect any departments besides the originating department?**
(If so, please list the affected department(s), the nature of the impact (financial, operational, etc), and indicate which staff members in the other department(s) are aware of the proposed legislation.)

d) **What are the possible alternatives to the legislation that could achieve the same or similar objectives?** (Include any potential alternatives to the proposed legislation, such as reducing fee-supported activities, identifying outside funding sources for fee-supported activities, etc.)

e) **Is a public hearing required for this legislation?**
Yes, will be scheduled prior to the vote.

f) **Is publication of notice with *The Daily Journal of Commerce* and/or *The Seattle Times* required for this legislation?**
(For example, legislation related to sale of surplus property, condemnation, or certain capital projects with private partners may require publication of notice. If you aren't sure, please check with your lawyer. If publication of notice is required, describe any steps taken to comply with that requirement.)

g) **Does this legislation affect a piece of property?**
(If yes, and if a map or other visual representation of the property is not already included as an exhibit or attachment to the legislation itself, then you must include a map and/or other visual representation of the property and its location as an attachment to the fiscal note. Place a note on the map attached to the fiscal note that indicates the map is intended for illustrative or informational purposes only and is not intended to modify anything in the legislation.)

h) **Other Issues:**

List attachments to the fiscal note below: