



SEATTLE CITY COUNCIL

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Res 31598

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Title: A RESOLUTION affirming the human right to privacy and expressing a desire that the policies and products of the City's privacy initiative be consistent with the right to privacy as described in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the applicable international human rights framework.

Notes:

Filed with City Clerk: 7/29/2015

Mayor's Signature: 7/29/2015

Vetoed by Mayor:

Veto Overridden:

Veto Sustained:

Sponsors: Harrell, Licata

Attachments:

Drafter: jodee.schwinn@seattle.gov

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Ver- sion:	Acting Body:	Date:	Action:	Sent To:	Due Date:	Return Date:	Result:
1	City Clerk	06/24/2015	sent for review	Council President's Office			
	Action Text: The Resolution (Res) was sent for review. to the Council President's Office						
	Notes:						
1	Council President's Office	06/24/2015	referred	Public Safety, Civil Rights, and Technology Committee			
	Action Text: The Resolution (Res) was referred. to the Public Safety, Civil Rights, and Technology Committee						
	Notes:						
1	Full Council	06/29/2015	referred	Public Safety, Civil Rights, and Technology Committee			
	Action Text: The Resolution (Res) was referred. to the Public Safety, Civil Rights, and Technology Committee						
	Notes:						

- 1 Public Safety, Civil 07/01/2015
Rights, and Technology
Committee
Notes: No action taken. Will be heard again in committee on Wednesday,
07/15/2015; as well as Full Council on Monday, 07/20/2015.
- 1 Public Safety, Civil 07/15/2015 adopt as amended Pass
Rights, and Technology
Committee
Action Text: The Committee recommends that Full Council adopt as amended the Resolution (Res).
In Favor: 3 Member Bagshaw, Chair Harrell, Godden
Opposed: 0
Absent(NV): 1 Licata
- 1 Full Council 07/20/2015 adopted Pass
Action Text: The Resolution (Res) was adopted by the following vote and the President signed the Resolution:
Notes:
In Favor: 9 Councilmember Bagshaw, Council President Burgess, Councilmember
Godden, Councilmember Harrell, Councilmember Licata, Councilmember
O'Brien, Councilmember Okamoto, Councilmember Rasmussen,
Councilmember Sawant
Opposed: 0
- 2 City Clerk 07/23/2015 submitted for Mayor
Mayor's signature
Action Text: The Resolution (Res) was submitted for Mayor's signature. to the Mayor
Notes:
- 2 Mayor 07/29/2015 Signed
Action Text: The Resolution (Res) was Signed.
Notes:
- 2 Mayor 07/29/2015 returned City Clerk
Action Text: The Resolution (Res) was returned. to the City Clerk
Notes:
- 2 City Clerk 07/29/2015 attested by City
Clerk
Action Text: The Resolution (Res) was attested by City Clerk.
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CITY OF SEATTLE
RESOLUTION 31598

A RESOLUTION affirming the human right to privacy and expressing a desire that the policies and products of the City's privacy initiative be consistent with the right to privacy as described in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the applicable international human rights framework.

WHEREAS, Article 12 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, adopted by the United Nations (UN) General Assembly in 1948 and endorsed by the United States, states that "No one shall be subjected to arbitrary interference with his privacy, family, home or correspondence, nor to attacks upon his honour and reputation. Everyone has the right to the protection of the law against such interference or attacks"; and

WHEREAS, Article 17 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, adopted by the UN General Assembly in 1966 and ratified by the United States in 1992, contains similar language relating to arbitrary and unlawful interference with privacy; and

WHEREAS, in December 2012, the Seattle City Council adopted Resolution 31420 proclaiming Seattle to be a Human Rights City, endorsing the human rights set forth in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, committing to their progressive realization in The City of Seattle (City), and recognizing the importance of using the international human rights framework for cities to work on their commitment to protecting, respecting, and fulfilling the full range of universal human rights; and

WHEREAS, UN General Assembly Resolution 68/167, adopted in 2013, reaffirms the "human right to privacy" and recognizes that "the exercise of the right to privacy is important for

1 the realization of the right to freedom of expression and to hold opinions without
2 interference, and is one of the foundations of a democratic society”; and

3 WHEREAS, the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights in its 2014 follow-up report to the
4 UN General Assembly recommended that governments: review their own laws, policies
5 and practices; adopt “a clear, precise, accessible, comprehensive and non-discriminatory
6 legislative framework”; and “ensure that effective and independent oversight regimes and
7 practices are in place, with attention to the right of victims to an effective remedy”; and

8 WHEREAS, the City has a demonstrated history of promoting human rights, as exemplified by
9 the creation of the Seattle Human Rights Commission in 1963 and the launching of the
10 City’s Race and Social Justice Initiative in 2004; and

11 WHEREAS, in utilizing rapidly evolving technology to enhance the quality of public services,
12 cities, other governmental entities, and private enterprises hired by the government must
13 carefully consider risks to the privacy of the public, and must be deliberate in avoiding
14 extraneous data collection; and

15 WHEREAS, in response to privacy concerns, the City launched a privacy initiative in fall 2014
16 to strengthen the City’s privacy practices, establish protocols to educate City
17 departments, and assess compliance with privacy principles; and

18 WHEREAS, the privacy initiative, sponsored by the Department of Information Technology and
19 the Seattle Police Department, convened an internal group of stakeholders from across
20 City departments and an external group of privacy experts to review the City’s privacy
21 practices and develop a City-wide privacy policy; and

22 WHEREAS, the Seattle City Council adopted Resolution 31570 in February 2015, adopting the
23 City of Seattle Privacy Principles to guide the actions of the City when collecting

1 personal information from the public to provide services, and committing the City to
2 standards of accountability and transparency; and

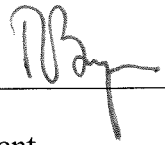
3 WHEREAS, ensuring the protection, respect, and fulfillment of the human right to privacy is
4 integral for the City to operate in an open and trustworthy manner; NOW, THEREFORE,

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

7 Section 1. In accordance with the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the City
8 Council affirms the human right to privacy, according to which no one shall be subjected to
9 arbitrary or unlawful interference with his or her privacy, family, home or correspondence.

10 Section 2. The City Council expresses its desire that any policies or products of the
11 City's privacy initiative be consistent with the right to privacy as described in the Universal
12 Declaration of Human Rights and the applicable international human rights framework.

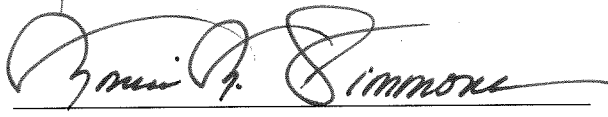
1 Adopted by the City Council the 20th day of July, 2015, and
2 signed by me in open session in authentication of its adoption this 20th day
3 of July, 2015.

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5 President _____ of the City Council

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7 The Mayor concurred the 29th day of July, 2015.

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10 Edward B. Murray, Mayor

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12 Filed by me this 29th day of July, 2015.

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15 Monica Martinez Simmons, City Clerk

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17 (Seal)

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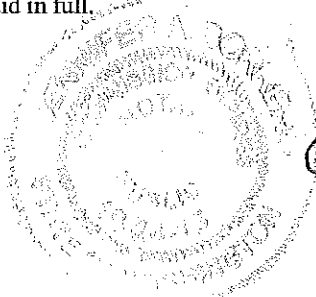
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Subscribed and sworn to before me on
08/06/2015

Notary public for the State of Washington,
residing in Seattle

Affidavit of Publication

State of Washington, King County

City of Seattle

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Resolution 31601

A RESOLUTION regarding a voter-proposed Initiative Measure concerning public participation in government, including creation of a publicly-financed election campaign program and regulation of campaign donations and lobbying; authorizing the City Clerk and the Executive Director of the Ethics and Elections Commission to take those actions necessary to enable the proposed initiative to appear on the November 3, 2015 election ballot and the local voters' pamphlet; requesting the King County Elections Director to place the proposed initiative on the November 3, 2015 election ballot; providing for the publication of such initiative; and repealing Resolution 31600.

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