



SEATTLE CITY COUNCIL

Legislative Summary

Res 31676

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Title: A RESOLUTION relating to responsible police gun procurement.

Notes:

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Mayor's Signature: 7/8/2016

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Vetoed by Mayor:

Veto Overridden:

Veto Sustained:

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Ver- sion:	Acting Body:	Date:	Action:	Sent To:	Due Date:	Return Date:	Result:
1	Mayor	06/14/2016	Mayor's leg transmitted to Council	City Clerk			
	Action Text: The Resolution (Res) was Mayor's leg transmitted to Council. to the City Clerk						
	Notes:						
1	City Clerk	06/14/2016	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	06/15/2016	sent for review	Gender Equity, Safe Communities, and New Americans Committee			
	Action Text: The Resolution (Res) was sent for review. to the Gender Equity, Safe Communities, and New Americans Committee						
	Notes:						

1	Full Council	06/20/2016	referred	Gender Equity, Safe Communities, and New Americans Committee	
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1	Gender Equity, Safe Communities, and New Americans Committee	06/22/2016	adopt as amended		Pass
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Action Text: The Committee recommends that Full Council adopt as amended the Resolution (Res).
In Favor: 3 Chair González , Vice Chair Burgess, Member Bagshaw
Opposed: 0
Absent(NV): 1 Sawant

2	Full Council	06/27/2016	adopted as amended		Pass
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Action Text: The Motion carried, the Resolution (Res) was adopted as amended by the following vote, and the President signed the Resolution:

Notes: **ACTION 1:**

Motion was made by Councilmember Burgess, duly seconded and carried, to amend Resolution 31676, by adding a new 14th recital and amending Section 3, as shown in the underlined and strike through language below:

WHEREAS, the Seattle Police Department destroys surrendered or confiscated firearms that are not needed for evidentiary purposes and that do not need to be returned to their lawful owners or agents;

Section 3. ~~The City will restrict resale of h~~All handguns purchased by the Seattle Police Department (SPD) that are no longer needed by the Seattle Police Department SPD shall be destroyed to only law enforcement entities authorized to possess firearms by applicable state or federal law, replacing the City's policy that the firearms be sold out of state. SPD shall continue to destroy all surrendered or confiscated firearms that do not have a legal reason for their continued retention.

ACTION 2:

Motion was made and duly seconded to adopt Resolution 31676 as amended.

In Favor: 7 Councilmember Bagshaw, Councilmember Burgess, Councilmember González , Council President Harrell, Councilmember Johnson, Councilmember Juarez, Councilmember Sawant
Opposed: 0

3	City Clerk	06/29/2016	submitted for Mayor's signature	Mayor
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Action Text: The Resolution (Res) was submitted for Mayor's signature. to the Mayor
Notes:

3	Mayor	07/08/2016	Signed
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Action Text: The Resolution (Res) was Signed.
Notes:

3	Mayor	07/08/2016	returned	City Clerk
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Action Text: The Resolution (Res) was returned. to the City Clerk
Notes:

3 City Clerk 07/08/2016 attested by City
Clerk

Action Text: The Resolution (Res) was attested by City Clerk.
Notes:

CITY OF SEATTLE

RESOLUTION

31676

A RESOLUTION relating to responsible police gun procurement.

WHEREAS, June 2 is National Gun Violence Awareness Day, an effort which calls upon organizations across the nation to support common sense solutions that will save lives from gun violence; and

WHEREAS, according to the Gun Violence Archive, which collects data on gun incidents from media, government and commercial sources, in 2015, more than 13,000 people were killed with firearms in the United States, and the Washington Post concluded from the Gun Violence Archive data that, in October 2015, the United States surpassed 1,000 mass shootings since 2013; and

WHEREAS, in 2015 in Seattle, according to the Seattle Police Department SeaStat crime report, there were 388 shots fired with 88 injuries, including 16 people tragically killed; and

WHEREAS, during limited compliance inspections from 2004-2011, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) discovered nearly 175,000 firearms missing from dealer inventories during compliance inspections; and

WHEREAS, in 2015, the ATF inspected six percent of all federal firearms licensees; and

WHEREAS, according to the Brady Campaign and Brady Center to Prevent Gun Violence, five percent of gun dealers in the U.S. sell about 90 percent of the guns recovered from crime; and

WHEREAS, Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 9.41.110(5)b requires gun dealer employees to undergo fingerprinting and a background check; and

1 WHEREAS, the ATF states that licensed firearms dealers are the first line in maintaining the
2 security and lawful transfer of firearms, and the ATF has highlighted the vital role that
3 dealer security and sound inventory practices play in protecting licensed dealers and in
4 keeping firearms out of the hands of criminals; and

5 WHEREAS, the ATF further states that safe business practices are the least expensive and
6 perhaps most immediately beneficial steps that a licensee can take to limit the risks of
7 becoming a victim of crime, and recommends a structured employee training program to
8 implement and encourage safe business practices and procedures; and

9 WHEREAS, responsible practices by gun distributors can go a long way toward deterring gun
10 deaths by ensuring that guns are obtained legally; and

11 WHEREAS, collectively, purchases by local law enforcement agencies make up 15 percent of
12 the firearm market in the U.S., according to a Washington Post review of IBIS World
13 data; and

14 WHEREAS, Seattle has acquired 258 Glock firearms for Seattle police officers over the past five
15 years, and Seattle has surplused Glock firearms purchased for officer use back to the
16 distributor for resale;

17 WHEREAS, the City takes actions to utilize its purchasing power to place restrictions on the
18 resale of its surplus Glock firearms by requiring that they be resold out of state, yet seeks
19 other effective ways to restrict the resale of law enforcement handguns by maximizing
20 City purchasing power to increase responsibility with firearms;

21 WHEREAS, the Seattle Police Department destroys surrendered or confiscated firearms that are
22 not needed for evidentiary purposes and that do not need to be returned to their lawful
23 owners or agents;

1 WHEREAS, the City intends to continue to leverage its public purchasing power to help ensure
2 that firearm distributors that do business with the City are practicing the most responsible
3 forms of legally required gun responsibility processes in their business for any sales and
4 all operations, in ways that prevent firearms handled through their business operations
5 from becoming diverted into an illegal market where they are more likely to be used in a
6 crime; and

7 WHEREAS, Do Not Stand Idly By is a program of the Industrial Areas Foundation, a
8 community network committed to safe gun manufacturing policies, practices and sales;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, Mayor Ed Murray, on behalf of the City, has joined Do Not Stand Idly By, along
11 with leadership from governments across the nation, to request information from firearm
12 manufacturers that will lead to full consideration of the manufacturers' commitment to
13 gun safety and responsible gun sales for the purpose of promoting responsible standards
14 for selecting authorized dealers and aggressive activities toward developing gun safety
15 technologies; and

16 WHEREAS, the information obtained through this request will be used by Do Not Stand Idly By
17 to understand current practices and promote future strategies that will assure safe gun
18 sales and manufacturing choices; NOW, THEREFORE,

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

21 Section 1. The City of Seattle (City) will use its purchasing power to help ensure that
22 firearm distributors wishing to do business with the City adhere to all applicable state and federal
23 firearm licensee laws for all sales, ensure any necessary background checks are properly and

1 fully performed before a gun sale, make efforts to deter and protect from firearm theft, and
2 immediately report theft or loss to the appropriate governmental agencies.

3 Section 2. The City's purchasing process for any company wishing to sell firearms or
4 ammunition to or from the City will utilize the City's right to obtain a copy of any firearms
5 compliance documents from distributor inspections by the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco,
6 Firearms and Explosives (ATF), to the extent legally available.

7 Section 3. All handguns purchased by the Seattle Police Department (SPD) that are no
8 longer needed by SPD shall be destroyed, replacing the City's policy that the firearms be sold
9 out of state. SPD shall continue to destroy all surrendered or confiscated firearms that do not
10 have a legal reason for their continued retention.

11 Section 4. By Sections 1 through 3 of this resolution, the City of Seattle aims to practice
12 the most progressive protocols known throughout the country to best assure that firearms for the
13 City's officers are acquired and resold to dealers using the most responsible measures available.
14 These practices also can serve as a model of responsible procurement for other jurisdictions
15 throughout the nation; toward that end, the City shall, upon completion and implementation of its
16 new gun and ammunition procurement protocols, share a copy of its protocols with neighboring
17 jurisdictions and encourage other jurisdictions to add their collective power to promoting firearm
18 safety.

1 Adopted by the City Council the 27th day of June, 2016,
2 and signed by me in open session in authentication of its adoption this 27th day of
3 June, 2016.

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5 President _____ of the City Council

6 The Mayor concurred the 8th day of July, 2016.

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8 Edward B. Murray, Mayor

9 Filed by me this 8th day of July, 2016.

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11 Monica Martinez Simmons, City Clerk

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