

CITY OF SAMMAMISH  
WASHINGTON  
RESOLUTION NO. R2015- 616

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**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF SAMMAMISH, WASHINGTON, REQUESTING THAT THE KING COUNTY DIRECTOR OF ELECTIONS HOLD A SPECIAL ELECTION ON APRIL 28, 2015 FOR THE PURPOSE OF PLACING ON THE BALLOT AN ADVISORY PROPOSITION REGARDING THE ADOPTION OF THE POWERS OF LOCAL INITIATIVE AND REFERENDUM TO THE EXTENT PROVIDED BY LAW; FURTHER REQUESTING PUBLICATION OF A LOCAL VOTERS' PAMPHLET FOR SUCH BALLOT PROPOSITION; AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO.**

WHEREAS, substantial public discussion has taken place regarding the merits of adopting the powers of local initiative and referendum within the City of Sammamish; and

WHEREAS, the Sammamish City Council has expressed a desire to hold a special election on April 28, 2015, in order to place this issue before the voters as an advisory measure;

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAMMAMISH, WASHINGTON DOES RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1. Findings.** The City Council finds that the best interests and general welfare of the City of Sammamish would be served by placing before the voters an advisory measure whether to provide the powers of local initiative and referendum within the City of Sammamish.

**Section 2. Call for Special Election on Advisory Measure Regarding the Exercise of Powers of Initiative and Referendum Within the City of Sammamish.** The City Council hereby requests that the Director of Records and Elections of King County, Washington (the "Director of Elections") hold a special election on April 28, 2015, in the manner provided by law, for the purpose of submitting to the qualified electors of the City of Sammamish, an advisory proposition to approve or reject the provision of the powers of local initiative and referendum to the citizens of the City.

**Section 3. Ballot Proposition.** The ballot title for the special election referenced above in Section 2 shall read substantially as follows:

CITY OF SAMMAMISH

ADVISORY PROPOSITION 2  
POWERS OF LOCAL INITIATIVE AND REFERENDUM

The Sammamish City Council is calling for an advisory election whether to provide for the exercise of the powers of local initiative and referendum, to the extent provided by law.

If provided, voters within the City would have the ability to initiate and enact certain types of legislation, and also to repeal or approve certain types of ordinances adopted by the City Council.

Shall these powers of initiative and referendum be provided?

For provision of powers of initiative and referendum.....

Against provision of powers of initiative and referendum.....

**Section 4. Explanatory Statement.** The explanatory statement specified in RCW 29A.32.241 shall be prepared and/or approved by the City Attorney, who shall transmit the same to the King County Elections Department within the time required by law.

**Section 5. Authorizations.** The proper City officials are authorized to perform such duties as are necessary or required by law to ensure that this ballot proposition is submitted to the voters of the City of Sammamish at the April 28, 2015 special election date. All actions taken prior to the effective date of this Resolution and in furtherance of these objectives are hereby ratified and confirmed.

**Section 6. Request for a Local Voters' Pamphlet and Pro/Con Committee Appointments.** The City Council hereby requests that the Director of Elections prepare and distribute a local voters' pamphlet providing information on the foregoing advisory ballot proposition, and the City Council hereby authorizes the use of City funds to pay for publication of the local voters' pamphlet and for the cost of the initiative and referendum advisory election. The pamphlet shall include arguments advocating approval and disapproval of the advisory ballot proposition. In accordance with RCW 29A.32.280, the arguments advocating approval and disapproval of the ballot measure shall be prepared by committees appointed by the Sammamish City Council, or by the Director of Elections pursuant to RCW 29A.32.280 if the Sammamish City Council fails to take such action, not later than March 16, 2015, or as otherwise requested by the Director of Elections. Each committee shall be appointed by March 13, 2015, and be composed of not more than three persons. The committee advocating approval shall be composed of persons known to favor the ballot proposition and the committee advocating disapproval shall be composed of persons known to oppose the ballot proposition.


**Section 7. Filing of Certified Copies.** The City Clerk shall file certified copies of this Resolution with the King County Council and the Director of Elections.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAMMAMISH,  
WASHINGTON AT A REGULAR MEETING THEREOF THIS 3<sup>RD</sup> DAY OF  
FEBRUARY, 2015.

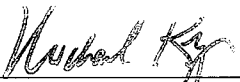
CITY OF SAMMAMISH, WASHINGTON

  
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Mayor Thomas E. Vance

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATED:

  
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Melonie Anderson, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
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Michael R. Kenyon, City Attorney

Filed with the City Clerk: January 29, 2015  
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