

RESOLUTION NO. 13-638

A RESOLUTION of the City Council of the City of Federal Way, Washington, Providing for the Submission to the Voters of the City of Federal Way at a General Municipal Election to be Held Therein on November 5, 2013, of a Proposition on Whether the Elections for Citizen Initiatives Should be Restricted to General Elections and Requesting King County Publish And Distribute in the Local Voters' Pamphlet.

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Federal Way gave the citizens the initiative and referendum powers pursuant to RCW 35A.11.100 in Ordinance No. 92-150; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to RCW 35A.11.080 and Federal Way Revised Code 1.30.310 restricting citizen initiative and/or referendum powers requires a vote; and

WHEREAS, the City Council determined that restricting the elections of citizen initiatives to the general elections would most likely garner greater voter participation because the number of votes cast have been historically higher in the general elections; and

WHEREAS, the City Council determined that avoidance of the thousands of dollars for a special election was also a goal for restricting the voting for citizen initiatives to the general elections because the City's resources and funds are limited;

NOW THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FEDERAL WAY, RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The proposition to be submitted at the general municipal election on November 5, 2013, shall be in the form of a ballot title as follows:

PROPOSITION NO. _____

Elections for Citizen Initiative Petitions
Restricted to the General Elections

Shall the Federal Way Revised Code Section 1.30.160 (2) be amended to restrict the submission of all Citizen Initiative Petitions to the general elections because the voter participation is historically higher at general elections and to avoid the added expense of a special election?

_____ YES

_____ NO

Section 2. The City Clerk is authorized and directed to file a certified copy of this resolution with King County Elections.

Section 3. The City Council also hereby requests that the ballot title, explanatory statement, committee statements, if obtained, be published in the Local Voters' Pamphlet.

Section 4. Severability. If any section, sentence, clause or phrase of this resolution should be held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of any other section, sentence, clause or phrase of this resolution.

Section 5. Corrections. The City Clerk and the codifiers of this resolution are authorized to make necessary corrections to this resolution including, but not limited to, the correction of scrivener/clerical errors, references, resolution numbering, section/subsection numbers and any references thereto.

Section 6. Ratification. Any act consistent with the authority and prior to the effective date of this resolution is hereby ratified and affirmed.

Section 7. Effective Date. This resolution shall be effective immediately upon passage by the Federal Way City Council.

RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FEDERAL WAY,
WASHINGTON this 4th day of June, 2013

CITY OF FEDERAL WAY



MAYOR, SKIP PRIEST

ATTEST:



CITY CLERK, CAROL MCNEILLY, CMC

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



CITY ATTORNEY, PATRICIA A. RICHARDSON

FILED WITH THE CITY CLERK: 05-28-2013
PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL: 06-04-2013
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