

RESOLUTION NO. 5306

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF AUBURN, WASHINGTON, OPPOSING THE
SITING OF ILLEGAL SUBSTANCE INJECTION
FACILITIES WITHIN AUBURN CITY LIMITS**

WHEREAS, addiction to heroin and other illegal drugs deteriorates individual and community quality of life, fosters criminal activity, increases mortality, and burdens taxpayer funded services like police, hospitals, and schools; and

WHEREAS, the King County Board of Health adopted Resolution No. 17-01 endorsing the Heroin and Prescription Opiate Addiction Task Force Final Report and Recommendations calling on local and state actors to implement the public health policies outlined in the report, including the establishment of at least two pilot community health engagement locations (CHELs); and

WHEREAS, there is not currently evidence that CHELs reduce drug addiction rates within the communities where they are located; and

WHEREAS, CHELs attract additional criminal activity, such as drug trafficking, burglary, and theft; and

WHEREAS, King County Public Health data indicates that south King County, including the City of Auburn, is home to larger populations of vulnerable community members that may be especially harmed by the siting of a CHEL within the City of Auburn; and

WHEREAS, resources for drug addiction treatment are already available within the City of Auburn and surrounding communities; and

WHEREAS, on June 26, 2017, the King County Council passed Amendment 3A as part of Ordinance No. 2017-0136.2 that CHEL sites will only be established in cities which choose to establish such a location by vote of its elected governing body; and.

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that the siting of a safe injection facility with the City of Auburn would be detrimental to the public health, safety, and welfare of the residents of Auburn; and

WHEREAS, the City Council opposes the siting of safe injection facilities within the City of Auburn.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUBURN, WASHINGTON, HEREBY RESOLVES as follows:


Section 1. Distribution. The Mayor is hereby directed to disseminate this Resolution to the King County Council, Pierce County Council, Seattle King County Public Health, Pierce County Public Health, and other relevant representatives of federal, state, and local governments as appropriate.

Section 2. Implementation. The Mayor is hereby authorized to implement such administrative and legal procedures as may be necessary to carry out the directions of this legislation.

Section 3. Effective date. This Resolution shall take effect and be in force upon passage and signatures thereon.


DATED and SIGNED this 17th day of July, 2017.

CITY OF AUBURN



NANCY BACKUS, MAYOR

ATTEST:



Danielle E. Daskam, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



For Daniel B. Heid, City Attorney