



# SEATTLE CITY COUNCIL

## Legislative Summary

Res 31641

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File Created: 12/11/2015

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**Title:** A RESOLUTION expressing the City Council's intent to improve the accommodation of people with hearing disabilities in City facilities.

**Notes:**

Date  
Filed with City Clerk: 12/17/2015

Mayor's Signature: 12/17/2015

Sponsors: Rasmussen

Vetoed by Mayor:

Veto Overridden:

Veto Sustained:

**Attachments:**

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Filing Requirements/Dept Action:

### History of Legislative File

Legal Notice Published:  Yes  No

Version:	Acting Body:	Date:	Action:	Sent To:	Due Date:	Return Date:	Result:
1	Full Council	12/14/2015	referred	Full Council			
	<b>Action Text:</b>		The Resolution (Res) was referred. to the Full Council				
	<b>Notes:</b>						
1	Full Council	12/14/2015	adopted				Pass
	<b>Action Text:</b>	The Motion carried, the Resolution (Res) was by the following vote, and the President signed the Resolution:					
	<b>Notes:</b>	Motion was made and duly seconded to adopt Resolution 31641.					
		In Favor: 8 Council President Burgess, Councilmember Godden, Councilmember González , Councilmember Harrell, Councilmember Licata, Councilmember O'Brien, Councilmember Rasmussen, Councilmember Sawant					
		Opposed: 0					
1	City Clerk	12/16/2015	submitted for Mayor's signature	Mayor			
	<b>Action Text:</b>	The Resolution (Res) was submitted for Mayor's signature. to the Mayor					
	<b>Notes:</b>						
1	Mayor	12/17/2015	Signed				
	<b>Action Text:</b>	The Resolution (Res) was Signed.					

**Notes:**

1 Mayor 12/17/2015 returned City Clerk

**Action Text:** The Resolution (Res) was returned. to the City Clerk

**Notes:**

1 City Clerk 12/17/2015 attested by City Clerk

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

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**CITY OF SEATTLE**  
**RESOLUTION** 31641

A RESOLUTION expressing the City Council’s intent to improve the accommodation of people with hearing disabilities in City facilities.

WHEREAS, hearing assistance is essential for those with hearing loss to be fully engaged in work, family, and community and to have healthy, productive lives; and

WHEREAS, compliance that technically meets Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements may not be sufficient for many people with disabilities;

WHEREAS, people with hearing loss are often required to request accommodations far in advance of the need, placing an extraordinary burden of proactive, highly visible requests upon the person with a hearing disability; and

WHEREAS, current technology provides superior quality of accommodation to people with hearing loss and no longer places a proactive burden upon a person with hearing loss; and

WHEREAS, the City Council intends to continue to improve accessibility for persons with hearing loss using the best technology and practices feasible; NOW, THEREFORE,

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

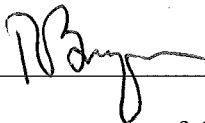
Section 1. The City of Seattle shall evaluate a plan and develop a cost estimate for including the best feasible technology for providing access for people with hearing disabilities in City facilities used for public meetings and activities in all new projects and when conducting major renovations of existing public meeting spaces.

Section 2. The Executive shall report on efforts and progress made to include hearing assistive measures in public meeting spaces with all requests to the Council for budget or other

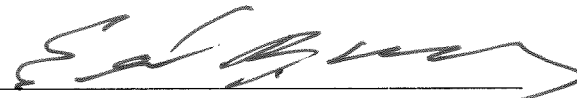
1 authority to develop or renovate public meeting spaces in City facilities designed to  
2 accommodate public meetings and activities.

3 Section 3. The Director of the City's Department of Finance and Administrative Services  
4 shall report to the Finance and Budget Committee, or its successor, by March 1, 2016 on the  
5 City's efforts to accommodate people with hearing disabilities in City public facilities using the  
6 most current and most effective technology.

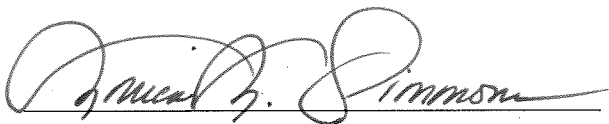
7 Adopted by the City Council the 14<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2015, and  
8 signed by me in open session in authentication of its adoption this 14<sup>th</sup> day  
9 of December, 2015.

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12 President \_\_\_\_\_ of the City Council

13 The Mayor concurred the 17<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2015.

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16 Edward B. Murray, Mayor

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18 Filed by me this 17<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2015.

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21 Monica Martinez Simmons, City Clerk

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23 (Seal)