



SEATTLE CITY COUNCIL

Legislative Summary

Res 31654

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Title: A RESOLUTION expressing the City's support for an effective, countywide safe prescription drug disposal program, including controlled substances, and requesting local pharmacies and the Seattle Police Department to install drug disposal drop-boxes across the City.

Notes:

Date
Filed with City Clerk: 4/14/2016

Mayor's Signature: 4/14/2016

Sponsors: González ,Burgess

Vetoed by Mayor:

Veto Overridden:

Veto Sustained:

Attachments:

Drafter: jodee.schwinn@seattle.gov

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History of Legislative File

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Yes

No

Ver- sion:	Acting Body:	Date:	Action:	Sent To:	Due Date:	Return Date:	Result:
1	City Clerk	02/29/2016	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	02/29/2016	referred	Gender Equity, Safe Communities, and New Americans Committee			
	Action Text: The Resolution (Res) was referred. to the Gender Equity, Safe Communities, and New Americans Committee						
	Notes:						
1	Full Council	02/29/2016	referred	Gender Equity, Safe Communities, and New Americans Committee			

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Action Text: The Resolution (Res) was referred. to the Gender Equity, Safe Communities, and New Americans Committee

Notes:

- 1 Gender Equity, Safe Communities, and New Americans Committee 03/23/2016 adopt Pass

Action Text: The Committee recommends that Full Council adopt the Resolution (Res).

In Favor: 3 Chair González , Vice Chair Burgess, Alternate Juarez

Opposed: 0

- 1 Full Council 04/04/2016 adopted Pass

Action Text: The Resolution (Res) was adopted by the following vote, and the President signed the Resolution:

In Favor: 9 Councilmember Bagshaw, Councilmember Burgess, Councilmember González , Council President Harrell, Councilmember Herbold, Councilmember Johnson, Councilmember Juarez, Councilmember O'Brien, Councilmember Sawant

Opposed: 0

- 1 City Clerk 04/06/2016 submitted for Mayor
Mayor's signature

Action Text: The Resolution (Res) was submitted for Mayor's signature. to the Mayor

Notes:

- 1 Mayor 04/14/2016 Signed

Action Text: The Resolution (Res) was Signed.

Notes:

- 1 Mayor 04/14/2016 returned City Clerk

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

Notes:

- 1 City Clerk 04/14/2016 attested by City
Clerk

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

Notes:

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RESOLUTION 31654

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5 A. RESOLUTION expressing the City's support for an effective, countywide safe prescription
6 drug disposal program, including controlled substances, and requesting local pharmacies
7 and the Seattle Police Department to install drug disposal drop-boxes across the City.
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9 WHEREAS, in June 2015, the University of Washington (UW) Alcohol and Drug Abuse
10 Institute reported that drug-caused deaths involving heroin and/or methamphetamine
11 peaked in King County in 2014, including a 58 percent increase in heroin deaths; and

12 WHEREAS, a 2013 study by the federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services
13 Administration indicated that four out of five recent heroin users previously used opioid
14 pain relievers such as oxycodone; and

15 WHEREAS, research suggests that these individuals switched to heroin because it is less
16 expensive in the illegal marketplace than opioid pain relievers; and

17 WHEREAS, one component of a comprehensive public health approach to addressing drug
18 abuse is the safe disposal of unused prescription drugs, including controlled substances;
19 and

20 WHEREAS, safe disposal of unused prescription drugs, especially opioid pain relievers, reduces
21 the risk of nonmedical use that might lead to drug abuse, including heroin addiction; and

22 WHEREAS, adolescents and young adults who experiment with nonmedical use of opioid pain
23 relievers are most likely to obtain them from friends and family members who had
24 received a prescription; and

25 WHEREAS, improper disposal of prescription drugs, including controlled substances,
26 contributes to environmental degradation, as documented in a recent study that found

1 traces of numerous prescription drugs in Puget Sound waters, as described in a 2016
2 article in the journal *Environmental Pollution*; and

3 WHEREAS, President Obama recently announced a number of new actions to address opioid
4 abuse and proposed spending \$1.1 billion in his FY 2017 budget for this purpose; and

5 WHEREAS, many pharmacies in the Seattle area have offered drug disposal drop-boxes for
6 unused vitamins, over-the-counter medicines, and some prescription drugs; and

7 WHEREAS, per an October 2014 U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency rule, police departments and
8 pharmacies may now provide safe disposal boxes for controlled substances like
9 OxyContin, Vicodin, Valium, and Ritalin; and

10 WHEREAS, a growing number of police departments in King County are offering safe disposal
11 of controlled substances, including Auburn, Bothell, Burien, Issaquah, Kenmore, Lake
12 Forest Park, Maple Valley, Sammamish, Snoqualmie, and Woodinville; and

13 WHEREAS, King County has launched a new effort to enhance safe prescription drug disposal
14 efforts and a stewardship organization retained by King County will be providing funding
15 for installation of drop-boxes, staff training, and collection of the drugs; NOW,

16 THEREFORE,

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

19 Section 1. The City Council and the Mayor ask that local pharmacies partner with King
20 County to provide safe drug disposal drop-boxes at locations across the City.

21 Section 2. The City Council and the Mayor likewise request the Seattle Police
22 Department to install prescription drug disposal drop-boxes at each of its five precincts.

1 Section 3. The City Council and the Mayor ask that other appropriate City agencies like
2 the Department of Neighborhoods, the Office of Immigrant and Refugee Affairs, and the Office
3 for Civil Rights offer assistance to King County to help ensure that the County's drop-box
4 disposal program is designed to be culturally appropriate and accessible for marginalized
5 populations, including limited English speakers.

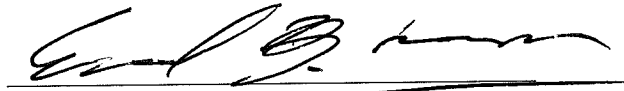
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Adopted by the City Council the 4th day of April, 2016, and
signed by me in open session in authentication of its adoption this 4th day
of April, 2016.



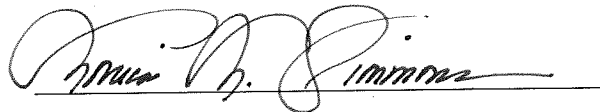
President _____ of the City Council

The Mayor concurred the 14th day of April, 2016.



Edward B. Murray, Mayor

Filed by me this 14th day of April, 2016.



Monica Martinez Simmons, City Clerk

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