



Legislation Text

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CITY OF SEATTLE

RESOLUTION _____

A RESOLUTION regarding a voter-proposed Initiative Measure concerning health, labor, and safety standards for Seattle hotel employees; authorizing the City Clerk and the Executive Director of the Ethics and Elections Commission to take those actions necessary to enable the proposed Initiative to appear on the November 8, 2016 ballot and the local voters' pamphlet; requesting the King County Elections' Director to place the proposed Initiative on the November 8, 2016 election ballot; and providing for the publication of such proposed amendment.

WHEREAS, proponents submitted to the City Clerk a ballot measure petition regarding health, labor, and safety standards for Seattle hotel employees (which the City Clerk designated as Seattle Initiative No. 124 in Clerk File No. 319639); and

WHEREAS, the City Clerk forwarded the petition to the Director of King County Elections for certification whether the petition bears a sufficient number of valid signatures to qualify for introduction to the City Council as provided in Seattle City Charter Article IV, Section 1; and

WHEREAS, the Director of King County Elections has certified that the Initiative No. 124 petition bears sufficient valid signatures to qualify for introduction to the City Council as provided in Seattle City Charter, Article IV, Section 1; and

WHEREAS, Seattle City Charter, Article IV, Section 1 provides that, if the City Council does not enact an initiative bill or measure bearing a sufficient number of signatures, it shall be the duty of the City Council to submit the initiative measure to the voters of the City for their ratification or rejection; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEATTLE THAT:

Section 1. The City Clerk is authorized and directed to take those actions necessary to place City of

Seattle Initiative Measure 124 filed in Clerk File 319639, a copy of which is attached as Attachment A, on the November 8, 2016 election ballot, including but not limited to publishing the proposed Initiative measure as provided by the City Charter.

Section 2. The Executive Director of the Ethics and Elections Commission is authorized and requested to take those actions necessary to place information regarding City of Seattle Initiative Measure No. 124 in the November 8, 2016 voters' pamphlet.

Section 3. The Director of Elections of King County, Washington, as ex officio supervisor of elections, is requested to place City of Seattle Initiative Measure No. 124 on the November 8, 2016 ballot, with the following ballot title approved by the King County Superior Court in *In Re Ballot Title Appeal of Seattle Initiative 124*, Cause Nos. 16-2-09173-3 SEA and 16-2-09920-3 SEA (Consolidated):

The City of Seattle Initiative Measure Number 124 concerns health, safety, and labor standards for Seattle hotel employees.

If passed, this initiative would require certain sized hotel-employers to further protect employees against assault, sexual harassment, and injury by retaining lists of accused guests among other measures; improve access to healthcare; limit workloads; and provide limited job security for employees upon hotel ownership transfer. Requirements except assault protections are waivable through collective bargaining. The City may investigate violations. Persons claiming injury are protected from retaliation and may sue hotel-employers. Penalties go to City enforcement, affected employees, and the complainant.

Should this measure be enacted into law?

Yes

No

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

President _____ of the City Council

Filed by me this _____ day of _____, 2016.

Monica Martinez Simmons, City Clerk

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Attachments:

Attachment A - City of Seattle Initiative Measure 124 (from Clerk File 319639)