



Legislation Text

---

File #: Res 31641, Version: 1

---

**CITY OF SEATTLE**  
**RESOLUTION \_\_\_\_\_**

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

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

Adopted by the City Council the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2015, and signed by me in open session in authentication of its adoption this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2015.

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

The Mayor concurred the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2015.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Edward B. Murray, Mayor

Filed by me this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2015.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Monica Martinez Simmons, City Clerk

(Seal)