

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-20

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COVINGTON, WASHINGTON, OPPOSING KING COUNTY CHARTER AMENDMENT NO. 6, REGARDING THE STRUCTURE AND DUTIES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY.

WHEREAS, on July 21, 2020, the King County Council passed Ordinance No. 2020-0231 proposing to amend the King County Charter relating to the county sheriff and the department of public safety; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 2020-0231 proposes that the duties of the county sheriff and the structures and duties of the department of public safety be established by county ordinance with the county executive taking responsibility for bargaining working conditions with the department of public safety's represented employees; and

WHEREAS, the passage of the passage of Ordinance No. 2020-0231 placed King County Charter Amendment No. 6, regarding the structure and duties of the department of public safety, as a ballot measure for voter consideration at the November 2020 general election; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Covington believes that the approval of King County Charter Amendment No. 6 is not in the best interests of the citizens of Covington; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to RCW 42.17A.555(1), the City Council of the City of Covington desires to express its opposition to King County Charter Amendment No. 6;

NOW THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Covington, King County, Washington, resolves as follows:

Section 1. The City Council of the City of Covington opposes King County Charter Amendment No. 6, regarding the structure and duties of the department of public safety.

Section 2. Severability. If any section, paragraph, sentence, clause, or phrase of this resolution, or its application to any person or situation, be declared unconstitutional or otherwise invalid for any reason, or should any portion of this ordinance be pre-empted by state or federal law or regulation, such decision or preemption shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this resolution or its application to other persons or situation. The City Council of the City of Covington hereby declares that it would have adopted this resolution and each section, subsection, sentence, clauses, phrase, or portion thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, sentences, clauses, phrases, or portions be declared invalid or unconstitutional.

Section 3. Corrections. Upon the approval of the City Attorney, the City Clerk and the codifiers of this resolution are authorized to make any necessary corrections to this resolution including, but not limited to, the correction of scrivener's/clerical errors, references, resolution numbering, section/subsection numbers, and any reference thereto.

Section 4. Ratification. Any act consistent with the authority and prior to the effective date of this resolution is hereby ratified and affirmed.

Section 5. Effective Date. This resolution shall be effective immediately upon passage by the City Council of the City of Covington.

Passed by the City Council of the City of Covington this 22nd day of September, 2020.

Signed in authentication of its passage this 30TH day of September, 2020.



Jeff Wagner, Mayor

AUTHENTICATED:



Joan Michaud, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

/s/ Mark Orthmann, as authorized by email on September 22, 2020
Mark Orthmann, City Attorney