

RESOLUTION NO. 1325

A RESOLUTION of the City Council of the City of Edmonds supporting the passage of Initiative 594, the title of which states: "Initiative Measure No. 594 concerns background checks for firearm sales and transfers. This measure would apply currently used criminal and public safety background checks by licensed dealers to all firearm sales and transfers, including gun show and online sales, with specific exceptions.

Should this measure be enacted into law? [] Yes [] No.

Whereas, in 1993, the US Congress passed the Brady Handgun Violence Prevention Act, requiring all federally licensed firearm dealers to perform a background check on every firearm purchaser; and

Whereas, under current federal and state law, criminal background checks are not required for the purchase of firearms through private transactions at gun shows, over the internet, and in parking lots; and

Whereas, the incidence of yearly gun murders has increased to over 31,000 nationally; and

Whereas, states with required criminal background checks on private firearm sales, have been shown to have 38% fewer women murdered by intimate partners; 49% fewer suicides by gun; 39% fewer of law enforcement officers killed by handguns, and a 64% fewer crime guns trafficked to other states; and

Whereas, Since 1998, the background check system has blocked more than 2 million sales to prohibited purchasers, including more than 40,000 in Washington State alone; and

Whereas, 98% of Washingtonians live within 10 miles of a Federally Licensed Firearms Dealer who can conduct a background check in Washington State; and

Whereas, Initiative 594 will use the same background check system currently in use in Washington state; and

Whereas, Initiative 594 makes no changes to Washington state hunting or shooting laws; and makes reasonable exceptions for gifts between family members, antiques and relics, temporary transfers and loans for hunting or sporting, and personal defense; and

Whereas, the City Council of the City of Edmonds supports policies that keep guns out of dangerous hands while respecting the rights of responsible gun owners, and strongly believes that the State of Washington should take action to close the loophole in our existing background check system and keep guns out of the hands of felons, domestic abusers and the dangerously mentally ill; now therefore,

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EDMONDS DOES RESOLVE AS
FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The City Council supports the passage of Initiative 594.

Section 2. the City Council authorizes the City Clerk to forward this resolution to the
City's delegation to the Washington State Legislature and the Chief of Police.

RESOLVED this 7th day of October, 2014.

APPROVED:


MAYOR, DAVID O. EARLING

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATED:


CITY CLERK, SCOTT PASSEY

FILED WITH THE CITY CLERK: October 3, 2014
PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL: October 7, 2014
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