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RESOLUTION NO. 816

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDMOND, WASHINGTON, ENDORSING ADOPTION OF AN AMENDMENT TO RCW 9.41.098 TO ALLOW LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES THE OPTION TO DESTROY FORFEITED AND UNCLAIMED FIREARMS.

WHEREAS, the City of Redmond's law enforcement agency annually confiscates firearms used by persons committing crimes within the City and holds weapons for safekeeping to avoid the illegal use of such weapons, and

WHEREAS, current Washington state law, in particular RCW 9.11.098, provides that any confiscated firearms, which are judicially forfeited or unclaimed and legal for citizen possession, must be auctioned for sale by the local law enforcement agency, and

WHEREAS, this auction procedure creates the dangerous possibility that these firearms will be resold to persons who will continue to illegally use the weapons, and, as a result, an additional likelihood exists that these weapons will reappear in future auctions, and

WHEREAS, the City of Redmond's Public Safety Committee has determined that the possibility of continual use and resale of these firearms creates a threat to the welfare and safety of Redmond's citizens, and creates a potential liability to the corporate entity of the City, and

WHEREAS, the City of Seattle, Washington, and its Mayor, Charles Royer, have recently proposed that state law be amended to provide local law enforcement agencies with the option to destroy, rather than auction, forfeited and unclaimed firearms, and

WHEREAS, the City Council's Public Safety Committee, after reviewing the issues relating to the current firearm auction procedure and the proposed amendment allowing for the destruction of the firearms, has found that this proposed amendment serves the best interests of the City of Redmond and has recommended its adoption, now, therefore,

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDMOND, WASHINGTON, HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The City Council of the City of Redmond, in order to promote the welfare and safety of its citizens, endorses the City of Seattle's proposal to amend RCW 9.41.098 to allow local law enforcement agencies the option to destroy forfeited and unclaimed firearms.

RESOLVED this 17th day of October, 1989.

APPROVED:


MAYOR, DOREEN MARCHIONE

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATED:


CITY CLERK, DORIS A. SCHAIBLE

FILED WITH THE CITY CLERK: 10/12/89
PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL: 10/17/89
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