

RESOLUTION NO. 17-1185

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLACK DIAMOND, KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON OPPOSING THE SITING OF ILLEGAL SUBSTANCE INJECTION FACILITIES WITHIN BLACK DIAMOND CITY LIMITS OR WITHIN AREAS OF UNINCORPORATED KING COUNTY ASSOCIATED WITH THE POTENTIAL ANNEXATION AREA OR URBAN GROWTH AREA OF THE CITY OF BLACK DIAMOND, WASHINGTON

WHEREAS, addiction to heroin and illegal drug abuse deteriorates individual and community quality of life, fosters criminal activity, increases mortality, and burdens taxpayer funded services such as police, hospitals, and schools; and

WHEREAS, the King County Board of Health adopted Resolution No. 17-01 endorsing the Heroin and Prescription Opiate Addiction Task Force Final Report and Recommendations calling on local and state actors to implement the public health policies outlined in the report, including the establishment of at least two pilot safe injection facilities, which King County designates as community health engagement locations (CHELs), for supervised injection of heroin and other illegal drugs; and

WHEREAS, on June 26, 2017, the King County Council, by Ordinance No. 2017-0136.2, amended its appropriations ordinance to provide that no funds from its Mental Illness and Drug Dependency Fund shall be expended to establish a CHEL except in any city which chooses to establish such a location by vote of its elected governing body; and

WHEREAS, there is not currently evidence that CHELs reduce drug addiction rates with the communities where they are located; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that the siting of a safe injection facility within the City of Black Diamond to facilitate illegal drug use would be detrimental to the public health, safety, and welfare of the residents of Black Diamond; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that the siting of a safe injection facility near the boundary of the City of Black Diamond in areas of unincorporated King County designated as the Potential Annexation Area of the City of Black Diamond under the Growth Management would also be detrimental to the public health, safety, and welfare of the residents of Black Diamond;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLACK DIAMOND, WASHINGTON, DOES RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Opposition – The City Council opposes the siting of safe injection facilities within the City of Black Diamond.

Section 2. Potential Annexation Area – The City Council requests that King County not site a safe injection facility within the unincorporated area of King County known as the Urban Growth Area or Potential Annexation Area of the City of Black Diamond.

Section 3. Distribution – The Mayor is hereby directed to disseminate this Resolution to the King County Council, King County Public Health, and other relevant representatives of federal, state, and local governments as appropriate.

Section 4. Implementation – The Mayor is hereby authorized to implement such administrative and legal procedures as may be necessary to carry out the directions of this legislation.

Section 5. Effective Date - This resolution shall take effect and be in force upon passage and signatures thereon.

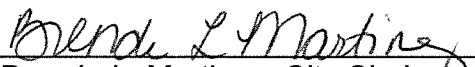
PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLACK DIAMOND, WASHINGTON, AT A REGULAR MEETING THEREOF, THIS 7th DAY OF September, 2017.

CITY OF BLACK DIAMOND:



Carol Benson, Mayor

Attest:



Brenda L. Martinez, City Clerk