

**CITY OF ORTING
WASHINGTON**

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-07

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF ORTING, PIERCE COUNTY, WASHINGTON, DECLARING THE CITY OF ORTING TO BE AN INCLUSIVE COMMUNITY WHERE BUSINESSES ARE EMPOWERED WITH CHOICE AND CITIZENS ARE TREATED EQUALLY.

WHEREAS, on February 29, 2020, the State of Washington declared a State of Emergency in all Washington counties due to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on May 18, 2021, all counties in Washington will be back in phase 3 of "Healthy Washington - Roadmap to Recovery Plan," and a proposed full reopening of Washington on or before June 30, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the City of Orting, as a municipality has no legal ability to waive mandates enforced by Department of Labor and Industries, and therefore cannot protect any local business from state-directed penalties; and

WHEREAS, the Orting City Council recognizes that as a community, citizens know what is best for their health & safety and the health and safety of their families; and

WHEREAS, the Orting City Council recognizes that private businesses are also capable of determining what is best for the health and safety of citizens who they employ and serve; and

WHEREAS, the City of Orting stands to be an inclusive community, where all people regardless of their vaccine status should be treated equally, with kindness, compassion, and understanding; and

WHEREAS, the Orting City Council does not support government mandated restrictions promoting COV ID-19 vaccine segregation in our community; and

WHEREAS, all citizens have the right to refuse a vaccination based on religious, medical, or personal reasons and every medical intervention requires informed consent and the right of refusal; and

WHEREAS, private health information regarding proof of vaccination status should not be required by any government mandate in order to access businesses, houses of worship, or cultural events; and

WHEREAS, wearing a mask is a personal health decision and should not be mandated by the government to the public or used as tool to discriminate against fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, The City of Orting is an inclusive community where businesses and citizens are treated with equal access, regardless of vaccination status or mask usage. Where choice and freedom are paramount for the cumulative success of our community; and

WHEREAS, The City of Orting supports freedom of choice for all our citizens and those in our business community and supports their judgment to do what is prudent to ensure their free expression as listed in the Declaration of Independence for life, liberty & the pursuit of happiness;

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

Section 1. Based on the above findings, the City Council requests the Mayor communicate with the Governor's Office and demand the full opening of our City, county, and state, immediately, and to grant our citizens freedom from further business restrictions, mask mandates, proof of vaccination requirements and restrictions that promote COVI D-19 vaccine segregation.

Section 2. The Orting City Council opposes any government mandated requirements or restrictions on citizens to show proof of vaccination status in order to access local businesses, houses of worship, or cultural events. We uphold the values of personal responsibility and individual liberties to empower citizens to make their own healthcare choices; and

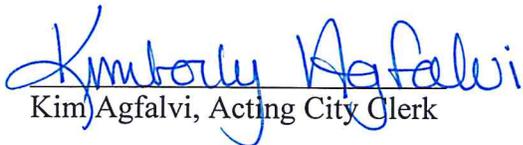
Section 3. The City of Orting will sponsor outdoor festivals and activities for all our citizens, in the spirit of reconnecting with our neighbors and restoring community; and

Section 4. The City of Orting will not promote COVID-19 vaccine segregation restrictions or mask requirements for the public at our events. All people will be treated equally and empowered with personal choice, all while implementing safety measures to keep our citizens healthy; and

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL AT A REGULAR MEETING THEREOF ON THE 30 Day of June, 2021.

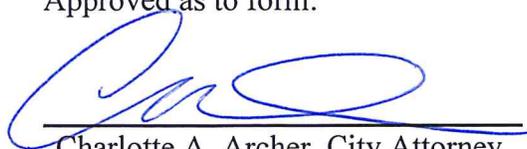
CITY OF ORTING

ATTEST /AUTHENTICATED


Kim Agfalvi, Acting City Clerk


Joshua Penner, Mayor

Approved as to form:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a large, stylized initial 'C' followed by a series of loops and a long horizontal stroke.

Charlotte A. Archer, City Attorney
Inslee, Best, Doezie, & Ryder, P.S.