

CITY OF ORTING
WASHINGTON
RESOLUTION NO. 2021-10

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF ORTING,
WASHINGTON, ESTABLISHING AND RECOMMENDING
LEGISLATIVE AMENDMENTS TO STATE LAW
EFFECTING POLICING IN OUR COMMUNITY.**

WHEREAS, the 2021 Washington State legislative session considered and approved a number of police reforms in an attempt to address concerns raised by citizens; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Orting participated in these conversations in numerous ways including through protests and marches; and

WHEREAS, the City appreciates many reforms that increase accountability and provide transparency for use of force and discipline; and

WHEREAS, Engrossed Second Substitute House Bill 1310 pertaining to use of force severely limits our ability to detain a suspect for reasonable suspicion during an investigation; and

WHEREAS, reasonable suspicion allows our Police to detain individuals matching a description reported to 911 while Probable Cause is established; and

WHEREAS, this change in law will allow people who the Police reasonably believe allegedly committed a crime to walk away from our Officers; and

WHEREAS, Engrossed Substitute House Bill 1054 pertaining to tactics and equipment erroneously lumps less lethal “beanbag” shotguns under the term Military Equipment, which this law bans; and

WHEREAS, less lethal shotguns are critical tools in an Officers tool kit to avoid having to escalate to more damaging or deadly force;

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Orting, Washington, does resolve as follows:

Section 1. Establishment of Recommended Legislation. The City Council of the City of Orting hereby establishes and recommends the State legislator at a minimum amend State Law to allow for the following:

1. Reasonable Suspicion Detention, this tool provides an opportunity to detain a suspect while probable cause is determined so that people who are alleged to have just committed a crime cannot pose a further danger to the public at large.

2. Less Lethal Weapons: The legislature should revise its definition of Military Equipment that commonly available and not typically considered "Military Equipment."

Section 2. Effective Date. This Resolution shall take effect and be in full force immediately upon its passage.

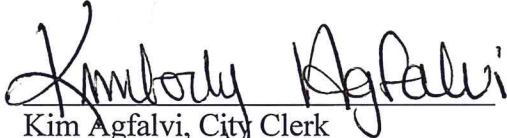
PASSED BY THE ORTING CITY COUNCIL AT A REGULAR MEETING THEREOF ON THE 8th DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2021.

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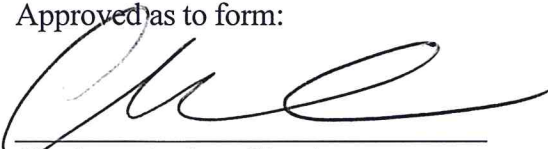
Joshua Penner, Mayor

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATED:



Kim Agfalvi, City Clerk

Approved as to form:



Charlotte Archer, City Attorney
Inslee Best, PLLC