

RESOLUTION NO. 2937

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF BONNEY LAKE, PIERCE COUNTY, WASHINGTON, DECLARING THE CITY OF BONNEY LAKE 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 Bonney Lake 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 Bonney Lake 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 Bonney Lake 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 Bonney Lake 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 Bonney Lake City Council does not support government mandated restrictions promoting COVID-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;

NOW, THEREFORE THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BONNEY LAKE, WASHINGTON HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

The City of Bonney Lake 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

The City of Bonney Lake will communicate with the Governor's Office in demanding the full opening of our city, county, and state no later than June 30, 2021. Granting our citizens freedom from further business restrictions, mask mandates, and proof of vaccination requirements and restrictions that promote COVID-19 vaccine segregation; and


The Bonney Lake 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

The City of Bonney Lake will sponsor outdoor festivals and activities for all our citizens, in the spirit of reconnecting with our neighbors and restoring community; and

The City of Bonney Lake 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

The City of Bonney Lake 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.

PASSED by the City Council this 25th day of May 2021.


Neil Joanson Jr., Mayor

AUTHENTICATED:

Harwood T. Edvalson, City Clerk

City of Bonney Lake, Washington
City Council Agenda Bill (AB)

Department/Staff Contact: Legislative /	Meeting/Workshop Date: 25 May 2021	Agenda Bill Number: AB21-66
Agenda Item Type: Discussion	Ordinance/Resolution Number: 2937	Sponsor: Ishmael

Agenda Subject: Support of the local business community against the COVID-19 pandemic and shut-down orders.

Full Title/Motion: A Resolution Of The City Council Of The City Of Bonney Lake, Pierce County, Washington, Declaring The City Of Bonney Lake To Be An Inclusive Community Where Businesses Are Empowered With Choice And Citizens Are Treated Equally.

Administrative Recommendation:

Background Summary: Councilmember Ishmael revised the Resolution following the discussion at the May 18 workshop.

Attachments: Draft Resolution 2937 - Ishmael - Revised 5.21.21

BUDGET INFORMATION

Budget Amount	Current Balance	Required Expenditure	Budget Balance	Fund Source
				<input type="checkbox"/> General
				<input type="checkbox"/> Utilities
				<input type="checkbox"/> Other

Budget Explanation:

COMMITTEE, BOARD & COMMISSION REVIEW

Council Committee Review:	Approvals:	Yes	No
Date:	Chair/Councilmember	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Councilmember	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Forward to:	Consent Agenda:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Commission/Board Review:			
Hearing Examiner Review:			

COUNCIL ACTION

Workshop Date(s): May 18, 2021	Public Hearing Date(s):
Meeting Date(s): May 11, 2021	Tabled to Date: May 25, 2021

APPROVALS

Director:	Mayor:	Date Reviewed by City Attorney: (if applicable)
		May 5, 12 & 20, 2021