

CITY OF MARYSVILLE
Marysville, Washington

RESOLUTION NO. 2507

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MARYSVILLE, WASHINGTON, REQUESTING THE WASHINGTON LEGISLATURE TO PROVIDE CLARIFICATION OF LEGISLATIVE INTENT IN LAW ENFORCEMENT RELATED BILLS.

WHEREAS, law enforcement is an essential public safety service provided by local governments; and

WHEREAS, appropriate use of force is a critical component of officers being able to do their job, to prevent and solve crimes, and to maintain public order; and

WHEREAS, law enforcement officers face dangerous and sometimes life threatening situations as part of their job duties and cannot predict when such a situation will arise; and

WHEREAS, the Washington State Legislature passed a number of bills this past legislative session regarding standards for law enforcement officers; and

WHEREAS, a number of law enforcement agencies have interpreted some words and phrases in these bills in a manner that appears contrary to the legislative intent; and

WHEREAS, this has produced uncertainty in law enforcement response and ability to act and this decreases public safety; and


WHEREAS, this decrease in public safety is likely to persist unless the legislature takes action to clarify its intent.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MARYSVILLE that the Legislature work with cities and counties and their respective law enforcement agencies to ensure that law enforcement officers have sufficient authority to maintain public order and investigate crimes in a reasonable manner.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MARYSVILLE that the City Council supports its police officers and police department and the professional manner in which they carry out their duties.

ADOPTED by the City Council at an open public meeting this 4th day of OCTOBER, 2021.

CITY OF MARYSVILLE

By 
JON NEHRING, MAYOR

Attest:

By 
 DEPUTY CITY CLERK

Approved as to form:

By 
JON WALKER, CITY ATTORNEY