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RESOLUTION NO. 15-689

A RESOLUTION of the City Council of the City of Federal Way, Washington, Establishing a Ballot Title and Explanatory Statement for the Advisory Vote on Whether to Allow Marijuana-Related Businesses in the City.

WHEREAS, the issue of whether to allow marijuana-related businesses to locate in the City has long been a matter of contention among residents; and

WHEREAS, the City Council wishes to have a definitive representation of the public will about this issue and believes an advisory vote will provide this; and

WHEREAS, on May 5, 2015, the City Council unanimously authorized an advisory vote of Federal Way residents regarding whether the City Council should enact an ordinance allowing marijuana-related businesses to locate within the City of Federal Way;

NOW THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FEDERAL WAY, RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The City shall submit a ballot proposition for an advisory vote at the November 3, 2015 general election. This vote is advisory only, which means that the City Council will not be legally bound by its results, but will carefully consider the results of the advisory vote in making any decision regarding marijuana-related businesses.

Section 2. The ballot title and explanatory note to be submitted at the general election on November 3, 2015, shall be as follows:

CITY OF FEDERAL WAY ADVISORY PROPOSITION NO. 1

Allowing Marijuana-Related Businesses
in the City of Federal Way

Should the Federal Way City Council enact an ordinance allowing marijuana-related businesses within the City of Federal Way?

_____ YES

_____ NO

Section 2. The City Clerk is authorized and directed to file a certified copy of this resolution with King County Elections.

Section 3. The City Council also hereby requests that the ballot title, explanatory statement, committee statements, if obtained, be published in the Local Voters' Pamphlet.

Section 4. Severability. If any section, sentence, clause or phrase of this resolution should be held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of any other section, sentence, clause or phrase of this resolution.


Section 5. Corrections. The City Clerk and the codifiers of this resolution are authorized to make necessary corrections to this resolution including, but not limited to, the correction of scrivener/clerk errors, references, resolution numbering, section/subsection numbers and any references thereto.

Section 6. Ratification. Any act consistent with the authority and prior to the effective date of this resolution is hereby ratified and affirmed.

Section 7. Effective Date. This resolution shall be effective immediately upon passage by the Federal Way City Council.

RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FEDERAL WAY,
WASHINGTON this 2nd day of June 2015.

CITY OF FEDERAL WAY


MAYOR, JIM FERRELL

ATTEST:


CITY CLERK, STEPHANIE COURTNEY, CMC

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


CITY ATTORNEY, AMY JO PEARSALL

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