

RESOLUTION NO. 1367

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DES MOINES, WASHINGTON, opposing the siting of illegal substance injection facilities within Des Moines city limits or within areas of unincorporated King County that would directly impact the City of Des Moines, Washington.

WHEREAS, addiction to heroin and illegal drug abuse deteriorates individual and community quality of life, fosters criminal activity, increases mortality, and burdens taxpayer funded services such as police, hospitals, and schools, and

WHEREAS, the King County Board of Health adopted Resolution No. 17-01 endorsing the Heroin and Prescription Opiate Addiction Task Force Final Report and Recommendations calling on local and state actors to implement the public health policies outlined in the report, including the establishment of at least two pilot safe injection facilities, which King County designates as community health engagement locations (CHELs), for supervised injection of heroin and other illegal drugs, and

WHEREAS, the King County Council, by Ordinance No. 2017-0136.2, amended its appropriations ordinance to provide that no funds from its Mental Illness and Drug Dependency Fund shall be expended to establish a "CHEL" except in any city which chooses to establish such a location by vote of its elected governing body, and

WHEREAS, the City of Des Moines has adopted a Comprehensive Plan and zoning regulations pursuant to the Growth Management Act that authorizes uses and activities within the City, and

WHEREAS, the illegal substance injection facilities are not an authorized or permitted use pursuant to the City's Comprehensive Plan and zoning regulations, and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that the siting of an illegal substance injection facility within the City of Des Moines to facilitate illegal drug use would be detrimental to the public health, safety, and welfare of the residents of Des Moines, and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that the siting of an illegal substance injection facility near the boundary of the City of Des Moines in areas of unincorporated King County would also be

detrimental to the public health, safety, and welfare of the residents of Des Moines; now therefore,

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DES MOINES RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

Sec. 1. The City Council opposes the siting of illegal substance injection facilities within the City of Des Moines.

Sec. 2. . The City Council requests that King County not site an illegal substance injection facility within any unincorporated area of King County that would directly impact the City of Des Moines.

Sec. 3. The City Manager is hereby directed to disseminate this Resolution to the King County Council, King County Public Health, and other relevant representatives of federal, state, and local governments as appropriate.

Sec. 4. The City Manager is hereby authorized to implement such administrative and legal procedures as may be necessary to carry out the directions of this resolution.

ADOPTED BY the City Council of the City of Des Moines, Washington this 24th day of August, 2017 and signed in authentication thereof this 24th day of August, 2017.


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APPROVED AS TO FORM:


City Attorney

ATTEST:


City Clerk