



Snohomish County Council

Legislation Text

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Executive/Council Action Form (ECAF)

ITEM TITLE:

Motion 21-201, establishing written guidelines for the presentation of invocations at General Legislative Session

DEPARTMENT: Council

ORIGINATOR: Heidi Beazizo

EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION: N/A Council Initiated

PURPOSE: Motion approving the guidelines and process for individuals to provide an invocation at the second general legislative session of each month

BACKGROUND: This motion provides the process and guidelines by which a cleric may request to provide an invocation at the second general legislative session of each month. Additionally, an individual or group not affiliated with a local faith-based organization or ministry may provide a brief statement to reflect on the gravity of the moment, seek peace for the nation, wisdom for the lawmakers or generally appeal to universal values of our country. Finally, an individual or group may use the opportunity to have a moment of silence in the place of an invocation or statement. Attached to the motion are the guidelines for providing the invocation or statement. The Municipal Resource and Services Center’s information on invocations references the Town of Greece v. Galloway ruling by the Supreme Court in 2014, the court determined that having an invocation at a local government meeting does not violate the Establishment Clause of the US Constitution.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:

EXPEND: FUND, AGY, ORG, ACTY, OBJ, AU	CURRENT YR	2ND YR	1ST 6 YRS
	0		
TOTAL			

REVENUE: FUND, AGY, ORG, REV, SOURCE	CURRENT YR	2ND YR	1ST 6 YRS
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DEPARTMENT FISCAL IMPACT NOTES: N/A

CONTRACT INFORMATION:

ORIGINAL	_____	CONTRACT#	_____	AMOUNT	_____
AMENDMENT	_____	CONTRACT#	_____	AMOUNT	_____

Contract Period

ORIGINAL	START	_____	END	_____
AMENDMENT	START	_____	END	_____

OTHER DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW/COMMENTS: DPA Cummings reviewed