

RESOLUTION NUMBER. 2022-37

(A resolution addressing open carry firearms or weapons in County Buildings)

Whereas, the BOCC recognizes that to be in compliance with HB 1630 and changes to RCW 9.41.305 et al., that signs should be posted that indicate that it is a misdemeanor to open carry firearms or weapons in buildings in which open public meetings occur; and

Whereas, the term “governing Body” is defined the same way as it is in the Open Public Meetings Act to include not just the city council or county commission, but boards, commissions, committees, and other policy or rule-making bodies of the public agency; and

Whereas, the following County municipal buildings in Skamania County are used regularly for meetings of the Skamania County governing body: Hegewald Center, Skamania County Courthouse and Skamania County Courthouse Annex; and

Whereas, The prohibition on open carrying of firearms and other weapons applies to the entire building in the case of the three previously mentioned county municipal buildings even when a meeting is not currently in progress.

Whereas, this prohibition also applies to non-municipal buildings where a meeting or hearing of the governing body is held but only when that meeting or hearing is in progress.

Whereas, HB1630 also created additional restrictions on the carrying of weapons in a ballot counting center, a voting center, or the county elections and voter registration office, which at times will include all or part of the Skamania County Auditor’s Office and surrounding areas;

Now therefore be it resolved, That the Skamania County Board of County Commissioners directs the Public Works Director to have appropriate signs made in order to inform the public of the new restrictions on the carrying of firearms and other weapons in the Courthouse, Hegewald center and Courthouse Annex and to also make such temporary/movable signs as necessary to ensure proper signage at future meetings that do not take place at the previously mentioned County municipal buildings; and

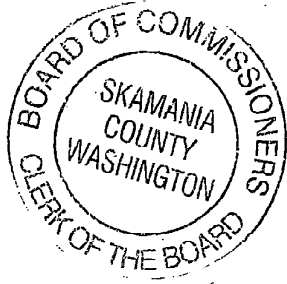
Furthermore that such signs shall be placed at appropriate places and entrances to these buildings to ensure proper notice to the public; and

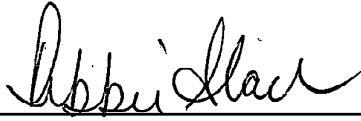
Furthermore that the signs should contain substantially the following message:

“IT IS A CRIME TO OPEN CARRY ANY FIREARM OR OTHER WEAPON INSIDE THIS BUILDING ACCORDING TO RCW 9.41.305”-or such other message as is or would be appropriate for a temporary sign.

Dated this 7th day of Sept 2022.

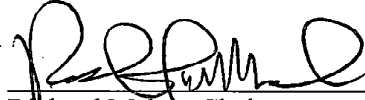
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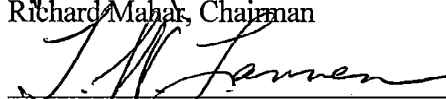


Debbie Slack, Clerk of the Board

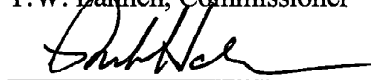
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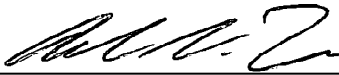
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Adam Kick, Prosecuting Attorney

Aye 3
Nay 0
Abstain 0
Absent 0