

RESOLUTION 2024 - 67

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF SUNNYSIDE, WASHINGTON, INTRODUCING ORDINANCE 2.08.080 REGARDING THE REMOVAL OF THE MAYOR OR DEPUTY MAYOR FROM OFFICE DUE TO DERELICTION OF DUTY OR CODE OF CONDUCT VIOLATIONS

WHEREAS, the City of Sunnyside is committed to ensuring that all elected officials uphold the highest standards of conduct and faithfully execute their duties in accordance with their oath of office; and

WHEREAS, the City Council recognizes the need for a formal process to address instances where the Mayor or Deputy Mayor may be found derelict in their duties or in violation of their oath of office or the city's code of conduct; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the City of Sunnyside to maintain the integrity and accountability of its elected officials;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SUNNYSIDE, WASHINGTON, as follows:

SECTION 1. The City Council hereby introduces Ordinance 2.08.080, which establishes a process for the removal of the Mayor or Deputy Mayor from office if found to be derelict in duty defined by RCW 35.18.200 or in violation of their oath of office, or in violation of the city's code of conduct.

SECTION 2. Ordinance 2.08.080 provides that:

- A Mayor or Deputy Mayor found to be derelict in their duty, in violation of their oath of office, or in violation of the code of conduct may be removed from their duties by a majority vote of the City Council.
- If a vote to remove the Mayor or Deputy Mayor is successful, the officer has 48 hours to respond to the vote and request a hearing before the City Council.
- If a hearing is requested, the City Council will elect an officer to preside over the hearing.
- No less than 30 days after the vote to remove the Mayor or Deputy Mayor or after the hearing is held, the City Council shall draft a resolution to officially strip the officer of their title and call for the election of a new officer to fill the vacant position.

SECTION 3. The City Council directs that this resolution and the accompanying ordinance be presented for discussion, public input, and consideration at the next regular City Council meeting.

SECTION 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

PASSED this 26th day of August, 2024.



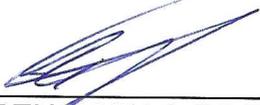
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ATTEST:



JACQUELINE RENTERIA, CITY CLERK

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