

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-17

A RESOLUTION of the City Council of Bainbridge Island, Washington, declaring the intent of the City Council to adopt the right of initiative and referendum for the registered voters of the City; providing for publication of this resolution; and providing that upon the expiration of the ninetieth day after the date of publication that an ordinance adopting the initiative and referendum process for the registered voters of the City shall be presented unless a timely and sufficient referendum petition has been filed referring the question to the registered voters of the City for approval or rejection.

WHEREAS, in 1990 the citizens of Bainbridge Island voted to incorporate all of Bainbridge Island as a city through a successful campaign referred to as “Home Rule;” and

WHEREAS, Bainbridge Islanders to this day remain keenly interested in self governance and how it impacts the community; and

WHEREAS, the Bainbridge Island City Council has confidence in the collective good judgment of the Island’s citizens; and

WHEREAS, the City Council wishes to provide voters with a measure of direct democracy through the powers of initiative and referendum; and

WHEREAS, the City Council considered this matter at its regular study session on May 15, 2018, and

WHEREAS, the City Council considered this matter further at its regular business meeting on May 22, 2018.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BAINBRIDGE ISLAND DOES RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Pursuant to RCW 35A.11.080, which permits the legislative body of a noncharter code city, such as the City of Bainbridge Island, Washington, to provide for the exercise in the city of the powers of initiative and referendum in accordance with the provisions of state law set forth in RCW 35A.02.020 and other provisions, the City Council of the City of Bainbridge Island hereby declares its intention to adopt for the City the powers of initiative and referendum.

Section 2. Within ten (10) days following the passage of this resolution, the City Clerk is instructed to cause this resolution to be published at least once in a newspaper of general circulation within the City.

Section 3. Notice is given that upon the expiration of the ninetieth (90th) day after the date of first publication of this resolution, but excluding the date of first publication of the resolution, if no timely and sufficient referendum petition is filed pursuant to RCW 35A.02.035, as determined

by RCW 35A.29.170, the intent expressed in this resolution shall, at the next regular meeting of the City Council, be made effective by an ordinance adopting for the City the powers of initiative and referendum.

PASSED by the City Council this ____ day of _____, 2018.

APPROVED by the Mayor this ____ day of _____, 2018.

By: _____
Kol Medina, Mayor

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATE:

By: _____
Christine Brown, City Clerk

FILED WITH THE CITY CLERK:	May 11, 2018
PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL:	
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