

RESOLUTION NO. 16-1072

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF BLACK DIAMOND, KING
COUNTY, WASHINGTON INITIATING A
REVIEW OF COUNCIL RULES OF PROCEDURE**

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Black Diamond adopted Resolution No. 16-1069 adopting new Council Rules of Procedure; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 16-1069 was adopted to address urgent issues that needed to be resolved for the proper functioning of the Council; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 16-1069 addressed many, but not all of the issues that have been identified by Councilmembers and members of the public; and

WHEREAS, the City Council Rules are important for the proper functioning of the City Council; and

WHEREAS, the Council Rules should be guided by positive principles of good governance and the proper separation of powers between the legislative and administrative functions of government; and

WHEREAS, the Council Rules should empower the Council and its members to legislate effectively with accountability to the public; and

WHEREAS, the Council Rules should promote transparency and public participation; and

WHEREAS, the public has an interest in the proper functioning of its City Council; and

WHEREAS, the Council wishes to provide an opportunity for public participation in the review of City Council Rules;

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLACK
DIAMOND, WASHINGTON, DOES RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. The Mayor Pro Tempore and the Council President are instructed to conduct a public meeting to discuss and take testimony about the City Council's Rules.

Section 2. The Mayor Pro-Tempore and the Council President are instructed to review public testimony, survey Councilmembers, consult with the Mayor, and propose amendments to the City Council's Rules of Procedure. The Rules of Procedure should be guided by the following objectives:

- 1. Transparency and Public Participation should be maximized. Access to records with reasonable and predictable opportunities for public review should be ensured.**
- 2. New policies to improve Public Notice, Access to Records, and Minutes should be considered.**
- 3. Council Standing Committees and Task Force Committees should be better aligned with Council priorities and streamlined to enable efficient participation by the public and staff.**
- 4. Council Standing Committees should be empowered to review all legislation and be more clearly accountable to the legislative process.**
- 5. Council authority to control and manage its legislative duties and functions should be simplified and clarified.**
- 6. Councilmembers should have effective support for the conduct of their individual and collective legislative authority.**
- 7. Rules of conduct should maintain high ethical standards and should recognize the authority of elected officials to serve the public to the best of their ability.”**

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLACK DIAMOND,
WASHINGTON, AT A REGULAR MEETING THEREOF, THE 21ST DAY
OF JANUARY, 2016.

CITY OF BLACK DIAMOND

Carol Benson

Carol Benson, Mayor

*under protest; I agree that
the rules need to be revised
but the Mayor Pro-Tem &
President have no role here
except as Council members.*

Attest:

Brenda L. Martinez
Brenda L. Martinez, City Clerk