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Sent: Monday, July 15, 2019 10:18 AM
To: City Council
Subject: FW: Drayton Harbor No Shooting Zone
Attachments: 1765-19 To seek designation of all unincorporated portions of Drayton Ha....pdf

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Sent: Friday, July 12, 2019 4:39 PM
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Subject: Drayton Harbor No Shooting Zone

Honorable Councilmembers,

The Blaine City Council recently passed a resolution seeking designation of all the unincorporated areas of Drayton Harbor as a No Shooting Zone (Resolution 1765-19, attached). The incorporated portions of the harbor within the City limits are already subject to a prohibition on shooting and hunting. Due to citizen concerns, the City Council seeks to have comparable regulations extended over the remainder of the harbor.

Section 9.32.030 of the Whatcom County Code authorizes the County Council to initiate the creation of a no shooting zone by resolution. On behalf of the Blaine City Council I am requesting that the County Council consider a resolution to do so.

I look forward to an opportunity to present the city's request at an upcoming Council meeting.

Sincerely,

Michael Jones, MPA
City Manager

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RESOLUTION NO. 1765-19

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLAINE, WASHINGTON, TO SEEK DESIGNATION OF ALL UNINCORPORATED PORTIONS OF DRAYTON HARBOR AQUATIC AREA, TIDELANDS AND SHORELINE AS A NO SHOOTING ZONE PURSUANT TO WHATCOM COUNTY CODE 9.32 .

Whereas, portions of the Drayton Harbor aquatic area, tidelands and shoreline are within the city limits, and

Whereas, portions of Drayton Harbor aquatic area, tidelands and shoreline are within Whatcom County jurisdiction, and

Whereas, hunting and the discharge of firearms is prohibited in the city limits, and

Whereas, it is difficult for members of the public to distinguish between incorporated and unincorporated areas particularly on the open water, which causes numerous hunters to inadvertently move into areas where hunting and discharge of firearms is illegal, and

Whereas, our citizens have expressed concerns about gunfire near homes and property and repeatedly call for police response to such incidents, and

Whereas, unincorporated portion of Drayton Harbor aquatic area, tidelands and shoreline are within and adjacent to urban growth areas, and

Whereas, population is expanding and housing density is increasing within the areas surrounding Drayton Harbor both within the City and an areas or unincorporated Whatcom County,

Whereas, the Revised Code of Washington (RCW 36.32.120) provides Whatcom County authority to designate no shooting zones, and

Whereas, Whatcom County Code Section 9.32 "Unlawful Discharge of Firearms" designates twenty-two no shooting zones, most lying within and adjacent to cities, urban growth areas and other locations of higher density development,

Now therefore, the City Council of the City of Blaine hereby resolves to seek designation of all the aquatic areas and tidelands within Drayton Harbor located within Whatcom County as a no shooting zone pursuant to Whatcom County Code Section 9.32.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BLAINE, WASHINGTON, on the 8th day of July, 2019, and approved by the Mayor on the same day.

CITY OF BLAINE, WASHINGTON



Bonnie Onyon, Mayor

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATE:



Samuel Crawford, City Clerk