

RESOLUTION NO. 29-17

A RESOLUTION of the City Council of the City of Port Angeles, Washington, adhering to the outcome of the citizen advisory vote to stop municipal water fluoridation.

WHEREAS, on August 2, 2016, at the regular city council meeting, a motion was made by Mayor Downie and seconded by Councilmember Bruch to: (1) end fluoridation of the city's water supply, but maintain fluoridation facilities; (2) conduct an advisory vote on the question of fluoridation during the 2017 Municipal General Election; and (3) council agree to adhere to the outcome of that advisory vote.

WHEREAS, the motion stated above carried 4-3 with Councilmembers Bruch, Merideth, Whetham, and Mayor Downie voting in favor and Deputy Mayor Kidd and Councilmembers Gase and Collins voting in opposition.

WHEREAS, on May 2, 2017 at the regular City Council Meeting, the Council authorized the Clallam County Auditor to put City of Port Angeles Proposition No. 2, Fluoridation of Municipal Water Supply, on the City's November 7, 2017 Municipal General Election requesting a Yes or No vote on the question, "Shall the City of Port Angeles add fluoride to its municipal water supply?"

WHEREAS on November 28, 2017 the election results on said Proposition No. 2 were certified with 57.53% voting No and 42.47% voting Yes.

WHEREAS the City's fluoridation equipment is at the end of its useful function, and should the City continue to fluoridate there would need to be investments made in the equipment and facilities.

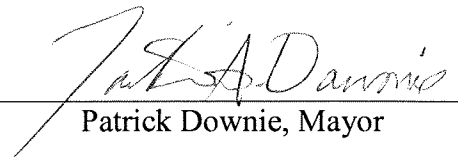
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Port Angeles that:

Section 1. The City Council respects the outcome of the advisory vote; and pursuant to its August 2, 2016, action, the Council will abide by the results of the advisory vote on, and therefore it declares that the City will not fluoridate the municipal water supply.

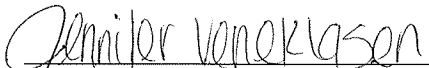
Section 4. The Council hereby finds that the City's fluoridation equipment and machinery has no commercial value, declares the equipment and machinery to be surplus, and directs staff to dispose of it in the most convenient and cost-effective manner.

Section 5. The City Council directs the City staff to have any remaining fluoridation additives removed from these facilities in a safe manner and to repurpose the building that housed the fluoridation machinery and equipment.

PASSED by the City Council of the City of Port Angeles at a regular meeting of said Council held on the 5th day of December, 2017.


Patrick Downie, Mayor

ATTEST:


Jennifer Veneklasen, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


William E. Bloor, City Attorney